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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

In consequence of the full Report made last year, but little remains to be said of the condition of the Institute for the year just closed. We may say, however, the substantial and beautiful fence around the Park, was finished the last season, and has given general satisfaction. The appearance of the Park has been much improved by labor on the avenues, and the planting of several choice trees and shrubs. The Institute Building, under the charge of the Committee on Buildings, has, the past year, been much improved, in its general appearance.

The Trustees would express their regret, at the resignation of Rev. Dr. Milton P. Braman, caused by his removal from town. The interest he always manifested in the prosperity of the Institute, and his services as President of the Board of Trustees, make his resignation deeply regretted.

For an account of "the condition of the Institute, of the Library, and the funds invested," in conformity to the direction of Mr. Peabody to his Trustees, in his letter of gift to the Town of Danvers, see the Reports of the Treasurer, Librarian, Library Committee, Lyceum Committee, and Committee on Buildings, which are appended to this Report of the Trustees.

Report of the Treasurer of the Peabody

Dr. *Cash.*

1869.				
Dec.	31.	To Balance, Cash on hand this date, ...		$563 76
1870.				
Jan'y	3.	To received 6 months interest on $23,000 Mass. Coast Defence Bonds to 1st inst., at 5 per cent. per annum, gold, ...	575 00	
		Sold at 119⅝ per cent. prem., ...	112 84	
		(Account Library Fund.)		687 84
April	1.	To received of Town of Danvers, 6 months interest to date, on loan of $7,000 at 6 per cent., . . .		210 00
		(Account Library Fund.)		
May	27.	To received of Daniel Richards on account loan of 12th Oct., 1869, to Building Fund, ...		300 00
July	1.	To received 6 months interest on $23,000 Mass. Coast Defence Bonds to date, at 5 per cent. per annum, gold, ...	575 00	
		Sold at 112½ per cent. prem., ...	71 87	
		(Account Library Fund.)		646 87
Oct.	5.	To received of Town of Danvers, 6 months interest to 1st inst., on loan of $7,000 at 6 per cent., . .		210 00
		(Account Library Fund.)		
Oct.	6.	To received of Daniel Richards, on account loan of 12th Oct., 1869, to Building Fund, ...		212 73
Oct.	18.	To received of Daniel Richards on account of Building Fund, ...	262 73	
		And in Balance of loan of 12th Oct., 1869, to Building Fund, ...	487 27	
				750 00
Dec.	21.	To received of First National Bank of Danvers on account of $45,000 deposited 17th Aug., 1869, and being amount of Reserve Fund, ...		15,000 00
				$18,581 20

Institute of Danvers for the year 1870.

		Cash.	*Cr.*
1870.			
Feb.	9.	By paid Thomas Groom & Co., for stationery as per bill on file, ...	$ 36 97
Feb.	23.	By paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman of Committees, as per receipt on file, ...	500 00
May	10.	By paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman of Committees, as per receipt on file, ...	300 00
May	17.	By paid Hooper Lewis & Co., stationery for Institute Building, as per receipt on file, ...	32 25
May	27.	By paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman of Committees, as per receipt on file, ...	300 00
Oct.	5.	By paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman of Committees, as per receipt on file, ...	420 00
Oct.	6.	By paid A. S. Howard, Librarian, for services of self and assistants, and for sundry charges, .	212 73
Oct.	18.	By paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman of Committees, as per receipt on file, ...	750 00
Nov.	14.	By paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman of Committees, as per receipt on file, ...	400 00
Dec.	21.	By paid James Lee, Jr., and Frances Lee, Loan on their estate, No. 5 Monument Square, Charlestown, on their mortgage note, dated Dec. 21, 1870, payable in five years (with interest at 7 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually),	15,000 00
Dec.	22.	By paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman of Committees, as per receipt on file, ...	300 00
Dec.	31.	By Balance, Cash on hand this date, ...	329 25
			$18,581 20

FRANCIS PEABODY,

Treasurer.

DANVERS, Dec. 31, 1870.

Statement of Building Committee of the Peabody Institute.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO ACCOUNT OF MARCH 31, 1870.

Paid D. R. Proctor, on account of contract for Iron Fence, .	$500 00	
Paid F. A. Couch, Carpenter work, ...	54 56	
		$554 56
Received Cash from new fund, received of 1st National Bank (in addition to amount entered in last account), ...		$554 56

DANIEL RICHARDS,
J. SILVESTER,
SAMUEL P. FOWLER, } *Building Committee.*

Statement of the Building Committee of the Peabody Institute.

1870.				
		Paid D. R. Proctor at sundry times on contract for building Iron Fence, ...	$6,174 73	
		Less previously charged, ...	500 00	
				$5,674 73
		Paid sundry amounts for labor, ...		613 29
Sept.	14.	Paid C. Wakefield, for carpet, ...		124 60
"	17.	Paid B. F. Tufts, hauling gravel, ...		170 50
Oct.	21.	Paid E. T. Waldron, turning posts, ...		12 00
"	26.	Paid Dexter Bros., oils and paints, ...		83 66
"	"	Paid Forest River Lead Company, lead, ...		210 07
Nov.	17.	Paid G. W. Bell, express, ...		6 15
Dec.	14.	Paid O. Lawson, painting, ...		501 00
"	20.	Paid F. A. Couch, carpenter, ...		44 57
"	"	Paid Forest River Lead Company, lead, ...		44 85
"	"	Paid Salem Machine Company, iron grating, . .		15 10
"	"	Paid cash to Treasurer, ...		1,262 73
"	31.	*Balance* on hand, ...		30 46
				$8,793 71

Received of 1st National Bank in 1870, ...		$10,892 65	
Less amount entered in acc't of Mch. 31, 1870,	1,544 38		
" " " " supplementary acc't,	554 56	2,098 94	
			$8,793 71

DANIEL RICHARDS,
J. SILVESTER,
SAMUEL P. FOWLER, } *Building Committee.*

DANVERS, Dec. 31, 1870.

First National Bank of Danvers
in account with Trustees of Peabody Institute.

1869.	DR.		
Dec. 31.	To Balance on hand this date, ...		$44,308 89
1870.			
Nov. 18.	To interest accrued to date, divided as follows:—		
	Library Fund, ...	926 42	
	Reserve Fund, ...	694 78	
	Building Fund, ...	268 74	1,889 94
			$46,198 83
1870.	CR.		
Dec. 31.	By drafts of Building Committee, from Dec. 31, 1869, to date, on account of Building Fund, . . .		$10,892 65
	By amount of Reserve Fund, transferred to Treasurer, ...		15,000 00
	By balance on hand, ...		20,306 18
			$46,198 83

FRANCIS PEABODY, *Treas.*

Holten High School Medal Fund
in account with Francis Peabody, Treasurer.

1870.	CR.	
March 1.	By received for Interest Coupons, 6 mos. to date, gold, ...	$50 00
Sept. 1.	By received for Interest Coupons, 6 mos. to date, gold, ...	50 00
		$100 00
1870.	DR.	
March 1.	To paid W. L. Weston, gold, ...	$50 00
Sept. 1.	To paid W. L. Weston, gold, ...	50 00
		$100 00

FRANCIS PEABODY, *Treas.*

DANVERS, Dec. 31, 1870.

Statement of the Permanent Funds of the Peabody Institute.

Library Fund.

1st appropriation by George Peabody, Esq., .	$33,000 00		
Less amount expended in Books, . .	3,000 00		
		$30,000 00	
Additions, interest accrued, etc., ...		7,238 44	
2d appropriation of 1869 to credit this Fund, .		20,000 00	
Interest accrued, ...		1,211 42	
		$58,449 86	
Less expenditures in 1867, ...	1,022 27		
Less expenditures in 1868, ...	1,249 23		
Less expenditures in 1869, ...	1,732 00		
Less expenditures in 1870, ...	3,244 14		
		$7,247 64	
Amount of Library Fund, Dec. 31, 1870, . . .			$51,202 22

Reserve Fund.

Appropriation of 1869 to credit this Fund, . .	$15,000 00	
Interest accrued, ...	908 53	
Amount of Reserve Fund, Dec. 31, 1870. . . .		15,908 53
Total of two Funds, ...		$67,110 75

Building Fund.

Appropriation of 1867, ...	$17,000 00	
Appropriation of 1868, ...	5,000 00	
Appropriation of 1869, ...	10,000 00	
Interest accrued, ...	3,807 68	
	$35,807 68	
Expended to date for this account, ...	37,296 48	
Amount overdrawn on this Fund to date, . . .		1,488 80
Net amount of Funds, Dec. 31, 1870, ...		$65,621 95

Invested as follows:

Loan to Town of Danvers, ...		$7,000 00	
$23,000 Mass. Coast Defence Bonds originally appraised for		22,948 25	
Loaned on Mortgages, ...		15,000 00	
Balance in First National Bank of Danvers, .		20,306 18	
Cash in hands of Treasurer, ...	329 25		
Cash in hands of Building Committee, ...	30 46		
Cash in hands of Library Committee, ...	7 81		
		367 52	
			$65,621 95

FRANCIS PEABODY, *Treas.*

Danvers, Dec. 31, 1870.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Library Committee.

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the By-Laws of the Institute, I present the following Report of the condition and operation of the Library, for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1870.

The whole number of books now on the Accession Catalogue is 6,240.

Of this number there have been added, the past year, 347. Three hundred and thirty-seven by purchase, and ten were gifts, as follows:—Three, "Debates in the Mass. Convention of 1853," from Simeon Putnam. One, "Catalogue of Library of Young Men's Association of Milwaukee," from Joshua Silvester. One, "Salem Water Works," from the City of Salem. One, "Report of the Essex Agricultural Society," from Charles P. Preston. Two, "Life and Character of George Peabody," from the author, S. T. Wallis of Baltimore. One, "Our Children in Heaven," from Miss A. L. Page, and one, "Report of the Secretary of the Treasury."

The number of borrowers' names added is 228.

Number of volumes rebound, ...	24
Number now in the hands of the binder, . . .	24
Number worn out and withdrawn, ...	7
Number of books delivered during the year,	12,900
Average per week, ...	258

Of those reported lost, or missing, at the annual examination, five have been returned; the other two are of trifling value and could easily be replaced if desirable.

Amount of fines collected, ...	$18 95
Cost of books added, exclusive of Magazines and Periodicals, about	$635 65

From a slight examination, I find that, of the additions to the Library the past year, about two-sevenths are stories and works of fiction. This cannot be thought to be too great a proportion in consideration of the fact that the greater part of our patrons are those who choose such reading. The balance are books of Travels, and Historical, Biographical, and miscellaneous works of permanent value.

Quite a large number of English standard publications have been added at very reasonable prices; and, although not so much called for by the general reader, are nevertheless a valuable acquisition to a Public Library.

It has been suggested by some that a supplementary catalogue should be prepared, as there are now some four hundred books of which there is no printed catalogue. I would simply refer to the fact, leaving it to the consideration of the Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. Howard,

Librarian.

Peabody Institute,
Danvers, Jan. 5th, 1871.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Library Committee submit the following report.

1870.	Cr.		
	By cash from balance of a former account, . . .	$ 1 00	
	By cash from Treasurer, .	1,026 09	
	By cash paid by Treasurer,	212 73	
			$1,239 82

1870.	Dr.		
Mch. 4.	To cash paid Printing catalogues, posters, and circulars, . .	$90 00	
	Reviews, ...	15 00	
April 1.	A. S. Howard, Librarian, and assistants, . . .	91 90	
			196 90
April 7.	H. B. Dawson, magazine,	5 00	
April 22.	D. C. Colesworthy, books,	22 02	
	C. D. Howard, printing,	7 50	
July 1.	James Campbell, books, .	64 98	
July 9.	Jonathan Perley, binding books, ...	15 25	
July 12.	H. P. Ives, stationery, .	3 12	
Aug. 6.	Little, Brown, and Co., books, ...	39 25	
Oct. 24.	James Campbell, books, .	80 62	
Nov. 11.	H. C. Cheever, printing,	5 00	
			242 74
	Amount carried forward,		$439 64

	Amount brought forward,		$439 64
Dec. 16.	W. H. Piper & Co., books,	$204 14	
Dec. 30.	S. P. Fowler, books purchased, bills paid, stationery, postage, periodicals, tags, express, etc., ...	341 50	
			545 64
	Salary of Librarian and assistant two quarters, postage, etc., . . .	212 73	
	Irving Stone, periodicals,	12 90	
	S. A. Putnam, express, .	12 70	
	Jonathan Perley, binding books, ...	8 40	
			246 73
Dec. 31, 1870.	Balance on hand, .		7 81
			$1,239 82

For the Committee,

SAMUEL P. FOWLER.

Danvers, Dec. 31, 1870.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

ON THE CONDITIONS OF THE LIBRARY.

The Library Committee submit the following Report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1870.

The interest in the Library continues unabated, as will be seen by the Report of the Librarian. Upon the annual examination of the books, less injury was noticed than in any former year. It was also apparent that those which have sustained the hardest usage, had received it from young persons, but by increasing the Library the past year by the purchase of books suitable for this class of readers, the injury was confined to works comparatively of little value. The older class of readers, who have yet to learn the careful use of books, we would refer to the Philobiblon of Richard De Bury, Chapter 17, on the subject "of handling books in a cleanly manner." It is interesting to notice that books, even among scholars in the thirteenth century, were badly handled, for De Bury said at that period, "We hold it expedient to exhort students upon various negligences, which can always be avoided, but are wonderfully injurious to books." The committee have been desirous to ascertain what books were wanted for the Library, and have requested persons to furnish them with such lists as they would approve, and we have frequently purchased a book at the request of an individual, feeling assured that it would be read by at least one person, which is more than can be said of some books in the Library.

In the two generous gifts of books by Mr. Peabody, are some valuable works, solid and substantial, bound in very attractive

bindings, in the best style of Hayday, the great London binder, books so rare that we might well hesitate to exhibit them to the eyes of a collector, as they might tempt him, if not to steal, certainly to covet, and yet, these same books have never been called for, nor taken from the Library! All we would say to this strange neglect, is that such books ought to be read, and we will entertain the hope that they will be, and will continue to enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that we have them in the Library, and know where to find them. It should be remembered that the usefulness of a Library is not wholly to be measured by its circulation, for in all Libraries there should be some books that would be termed heavy, both as to size, and the weighty subjects they present; such works would be used for reference, and would be useful for that purpose, although they might seldom or never be taken from the Library. The committee anticipating the wants of a class of visitors to the Library, have furnished them facilities for the examination and consultation of the books just mentioned, and the Librarian and his assistants will be ever ready to further the prosecution of their studies and research. How far Free Public Libraries should be supplied with works of fiction, is a question which is frequently brought before committees having charge of those institutions, and is found to be one not easily answered.

It is thought by some persons, that seventy per cent. of the reading of the present time is of fiction. Now what proportion of the borrowers of books from our Library are novel readers we are not prepared to say, but certainly not a large proportion, much smaller, we think, than in some Free Libraries in towns where there are circulating libraries which contain little else than works of fiction, and which are supposed to lessen the demand for such books from the more Public Libraries. The rule regulating the purchase of works of fiction adopted by the

Trustees of one of the largest Public Libraries in the Commonwealth is as follows: — "To get good novels, in such quantities as to supply a reasonable demand, after their value has been fairly ascertained, and it has been known that they are not merely of ephemeral interest, but to avoid filling the building with books which after a few weeks would be recognized as the most worthless and neglected trash."

The value of this rule to our apprehension depends very much upon its application. If we apply it by procuring a certain portion, or per cent., of such books, we certainly can keep the supply of novels within a reasonable limit.

But if we apply it to the demand whence it will most naturally and most assuredly come, *to wit:* the girls, and to the extent and demand which they will no doubt consider as reasonable, we fear the rule would fail us!

Our experience in the subject under consideration leads us to believe that the true way to keep novels down to a reasonable number is to limit the purchase of them by a percentage, and hold on to the rule. It is, certainly, an important part of the duty of Library committees to furnish good wholesome food for their readers, and not give too much heed to their cry for comfits.

The caution set forth in the rule not to purchase a novel until its value shall have been fairly ascertained, would preclude the early purchase and reading of the book, which we consider important in keeping up an interest in the Library, and a desire on the part of its readers for reading. Shakespeare said in his day, that "Good wine needeth no bush," but in our day, even good books are supposed to need as much unqualified praise to bring them before the reading public as poor ones. How, then, are we to ascertain the true value of a book? Certainly not by any critical puff we may notice in print,

inflated, and put forth for the purpose of floating it before the public eye! and it is just as certain that we cannot always rely upon the recommendations of interested booksellers. But I think we may form some estimate of the value of a book by the reputation which the publisher sustains as one who refuses to publish the manuscript of any authors, except those in good repute. Thus knowing our men, in selecting our books we can pass over those publishers from whose presses are sent forth, like spawn, their trashy and sensational productions.

The question as to what extent books should be duplicated, has frequently been a subject for consideration by those having the Library in charge, and has not yet been satisfactorily settled. The demand of our readers for new and popular works, runs frequently ahead of the press, from first noticing their announcement, and is continued for some time after their publication. When a book leaves the Library for the first time, its return is watched by the eyes of many eager to procure it. By a contrivance of the younger readers, thus far eluding the older eyes of the committee, it is made to circulate amongst a few kindred families for months, while those standing outside of the ring wait in vain to get hold of it. The committee after several attempts to remedy this evil, and to give all readers a more equal chance to read new and popular books have duplicated them.

The Committee on Buildings, during the past year, have furnished a carpet for the Library room, a table for the use of visitors who wish to consult or copy books, and a safe for the protection of the Records of the Trustees, and other papers. At the suggestion of the Library Committee, that the room under their charge be made more attractive and beautiful, the Committee on Buildings have placed inside of its railing well

executed busts of noted statesmen and scholars, including one copied from the marble bust of Powers, of our distinguished benefactor, Mr. Peabody.

For the Committee,

SAMUEL P. FOWLER,

Chairman.

REPORT OF THE LYCEUM COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Lectures submit the following Report.

1870.		Dr.		
Feb. 23.	To cash paid			
		C. C. Coffin, Esq., for Lecture, ...	$100 00	
Mch. 26.		The Rev. James Fletcher, Eulogy in honor of Geo. Peabody, ...	50 00	
		The Rev. A. McKeown, Lecture, ...	50 00	
		The Rev. W. H. Cudworth, Lecture, ...	50 00	
April 1.		Wm. S. Woods, charge of horses, ...	4 50	
		Police, ...	19 00	
		Messrs. J. W. Barnard and John S. Learoyd, musical services, ...	37 00	
		Posting notices, ...	10 00	
				320 50
Oct. 5.		The Rev. W. H. H. Murray, for Lecture, . . .	125 00	
Oct. 12.		Prof. A. Tripp, Lecture, .	50 00	
Oct. 19.		Thos. Ryan, Esq., Concert,	136 80	
				311 80
		Amount carried forward,		$632 30

	Amount brought forward,		$632 30
Oct. 26.	Prof. A. Tripp, Lecture, .	50 00	
Nov. 2.	Prof. A. Tripp, Lecture, .	50 00	
Nov. 15.	Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, Lecture, ...	75 00	
Nov. 23.	Mr. Madison Obrey, Musical Entertainment, . .	77 00	
Nov. 30.	Gov. Walter Harriman, Lecture, ...	60 00	
Dec. 7.	The Rev. S. W. Brown, Lecture, ...	50 00	
Dec. 12.	Hon. Thos. Russell, Lecture,	75 00	
Dec. 21.	Prof.'s Brown and Smith, Musical Entertainment,	130 25	
	William C. Endicott, Esq., Lecture, ...	50 00	
			617 25
	H. C. Cheever, printing posters, ...	38 00	
	Wm. S. Woods, charge of horses, ...	11 00	
	Posting notices, ...	15 00	
	J. W. Tapley, horse hire,	3 00	
	J. W. Barnard, musical services, ...	20 00	
	Police bills, ...	59 75	
			146 75
			$1,396 30

1870. Cr.

By cash received from Treasurer, ...	$1,263 25	
By cash from balance of former account, . . .	133 05	
		$1,396 30

For the Committee,

SAMUEL P. FOWLER.

Danvers, Dec. 31, 1870.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS.

The Committee on Buildings submit the following Report.

1869.		Dr.		
Dec. 7.	Paid			
	Geo. W. Bell, express, . .	$ 1 75		
1870.				
Mch. 26.	B. F. Tufts, wood, . . .	6 18		
	J. H. Hallett, cushions, .	2 49		
	W. C. Story, trees and shrubs, ...	11 25		
	B. E. Newhall, trees and shrubs, ...	8 25		
	A. Nichols, trees and shrubs,	5 45		
	S. P. Fowler, trees and shrubs, ...	2 00		
			37	37
May 26.	E. Crosby, cutting wood, .	1 25		
	H. A. Perkins, gas, . . .	109 00		
June 22.	F. A. Couch, ladder, . .	13 65		
Sept. 14.	H. O. Warren & Co., coal,	163 00		
	John Tumey, work in Park,	51 00		
			337	90
Oct. 25.	S. Putnam, teaming gravel,	193 50		
Nov. 5.	T. Leach, work in Park, .	15 50		
	J. A. Witham, table and cushions, ...	13 50		
	Perry & Endicott, legal advice, ...	25 00		
	H. A. Perkins, gas, . . .	64 39	311	89
			$687	16

1870.	Cr.		
	By cash from former account,	$ 6 50	
	" " " Treasurer, . .	680 66	
			$687 16

For the Committee,

SAMUEL P. FOWLER.

Danvers, Dec. 31, 1870.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The Trustees of the Institute would report that, with a larger appropriation for the use of the Committee on the Park and Institute Building, they have been able to do more towards beautifying the grounds by setting out trees, shrubs and plants. They have also, in order to procure a supply of water for useful and ornamental purposes, either by a hydraulic process from Putnam's Pond, or in anticipation of a supply from Swan Pond or Wenham Lake, selected a spot, and broken ground for a fountain.

The Park, when the improvements which the Committee have in view are more manifest, will exhibit much beauty, and afford a fine and pleasant resort to the people of Danvers. Under the care and direction of Mr. Silvester, it has been kept in good condition during the year, and the grounds have been laid out judiciously and in good taste.

An Account of the Institute, and Report of the Treasurer, and of the funds invested, the Librarian, Library Committee, Lyceum, and Committee on Buildings are appended to this Report of the Trustees.

Report of the Treasurer of the Peabody

Dr. *Cash.*

1872.			
Mar. 30.	To Balance of account rendered this date, ...		$1,017 61
April 6.	To amount received Jan. 1, 1872, as per account rendered, gold,	575 00	
	sold this day at 110⅛ per cent., premium,	58 22	
			633 22
April 6.	To received from Town of Danvers, 6 months interest at 6 per cent., to April 1, on $7.000 loan, ...	210 00	
April 6.	To borrowed of W. L. Weston, Treasurer, ...	20 50	
			230 50
April 11.	To received interest on loan, ...		8 26
June 21.	To received from James Lee, Jr., 6 months interest at 7 per cent., to date, on $15,000 mortgage loan, . .		525 00
June 24.	To received from First National Bank of Danvers balance amount on deposit, ...		269 84
July 6.	To received from Estate of Francis Peabody, 6 months interest, at 7 per cent., to date, on $20,000 mortgage loan, ...		700 00
Oct. 4.	To received 6 months interest, at 5 per cent., to July 1, on $23.000 Mass. Coast Defence Bonds, gold,	575 00	
	Premium, 13¾ per cent., ...	79 05	
			654 05
Oct. 7.	To received from Town of Danvers, 6 months interest, at 6 per cent., to October 1, on $7,000 loan,. . . .		210 00
Dec. 21.	To received from James Lee, Jr., 6 months interest, at 7 per cent., to date, on $15,000 mortgage loan, . .		525 00
1873.			
Jan. 6.	To received from Estate of Francis Peabody, 6 months interest, at 7 per cent., to date, on $20,000 mortgage loan, ...		700 00
			$5,473 48
Mar. 31.	To Balance brought forward to new account, . . .		895 87
	Memo :— The Treasurer holds, in addition, 6 months' interest on $23,000 Mass. Coast Defence Bonds, due Jan. 1, 1873, but not yet converted into currency, gold,	575 00	

E. & O. E.

FRANCIS PEABODY,

Treasurer.

DANVERS, March 31, 1873.

Institute of Danvers for the year ending March 31, 1873.

Cash. *Cr.*

1872.		
April 5.	By paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman of Committees, . .	$ 633 22
April 6.	By paid I. H. Putnam, Chairman Lyceum Committee, to balance account of 1872, ...	230 50
April 20.	By paid H. S. Bean, book-keeper, for year 1871-2, . .	50 00
June 24.	By paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman of Committees, . . .	269 84
July 6.	By paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman of Committees, . . .	700 00
Aug. 1.	By paid Merchants Insurance Company of Boston, fire insurance premiums, ...	175 00
Oct. 7.	By paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman of Committees, . . .	364 05
Oct. 7.	By paid I. H. Putnam, Chairman Lyceum Committee,	500 00
Dec. 21.	By paid I. H. Putnam, Chairman Lyceum Committee,	525 00
1873.		
Jan. 6.	By loaned Estate Francis Peabody, on demand, . . .	450 00
Jan. 20.	By paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman of Committees, . . .	250 00
Feb. 6.	By paid premium on fire insurance policies re-insuring risks taken by companies failed by the Boston fire,	370 00
Mar. 21.	By paid Salem Mutual Fire Insurance Company amount of assessment made necessary by the Boston fire,	60 00
Mar. 31.	By Balance carried forward, ...	895 87
		$5,473 48

Statement of the Permanent Funds of the Peabody Institute.

LIBRARY FUND.

Amount of Fund, March 31, 1872, per account,		$50,358 12	
Interest accrued and credited to Fund, ...		3,115 53	
" " but held in Gold $575.		53,473 65	
Expenditures for year ending March 31, 1873, by Committee on Buildings, ...	798 69		
Library Committee, ...	1,415 30		
Lyceum Committee, ...	863 70		
Treasurer (insurance, etc.), ...	655 00	3,732 69	49,740 96

RESERVE FUND.

Amount of Fund, March 31, 1872, per account,		15,649 71	
Interest accrued and credited to Fund, ...		1,050 00	16,699 71
Total Funds, ...			$66,440 67

INVESTED AS FOLLOWS;

Loan to Town of Danvers at 6 per cent, ...		7,000 00	
$23,000 Mass. Coast Defence Bonds at 5 per cent Gold (appraised at), ...		22,948 25	
Loans on Mortgages at 7 per cent, ...		35,000 00	
Loan to Estate F. Peabody on demand, ...		450 00	
Cash in Treasurer's hands, ...	895 87		
" " hands of Lyceum Committee, ...	161 30		
" " " " Committee on Buildings, . . .	5 75		
	1,062 92		
Less due W. L. Weston, Treas., ...	20 50	1,042 42	$66,440 67

FRANCIS PEABODY, *Treas.*

DANVERS, March 31, 1873.

Holten High School Medal Fund in account with Francis Peabody, Treasurer.

1872.	DR.		
March 1.	To paid W. L. Weston, Treas., gold, .	50 00	
Sept. 1.	" " " " " " " .	50 00	
1873.			
March 1.	To paid W. L. Weston, Treas., gold, .	50 00	$150 00
1872.	CR.		
March 1.	By received for Interest Coupons, 6 mos. to date, gold, ...	50 00	
Sept. 1.	By received for Interest Coupons, 6 mos. to date, gold, ...	50 00	
1873.			
March 1.	By received for Interest Coupons, 6 mos. to date, gold, ...	50 00	$150 00

FRANCIS PEABODY, *Treas.*

DANVERS, March 31, 1873.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS.

The Committee on Buildings submit the following Report :—

1872.	Cr.		
	By cash received from Treasurer at sundry times, ...	$794 47	
March 30.	Balance on hand, ...	9 97	
			$804 44

1872.	Dr.		
May 22.	By cash paid		
	J. H. Teller for Lawn Mower,	25 00	
	S. P. Fowler, trees, shrubs and plants, ...	38 00	
June 8.	Hovey and Co., trees, shrubs and plants, ...	3 30	
	M. D. Jones and Co., for vases, ...	12 00	
	H. O. Warren, coal furnished,	87 49	
July 5.	Michael Denivaro, labor in park, ...	101 25	
	Joshua Silvester, labor in park, ...	75 53	
	James M. Cook, glass furnished, ...	6 00	
	Charles F. West, painting, .	5 70	
	Wm. F. Barry, labor in park,	52 50	
Oct. 10.	John C. Herne, labor in park,	18 00	
	F. Howe, iron work, . . .	1 75	
	George W. Bell, express, .	95	
Dec. 4.	Wm. F. Barry, labor in park,	90 00	
	John A. Hearne, labor in park, ...	7 00	

1873.				
Jan.	1.	Joshua Silvester, labor in park, ...	92 00	
		John C. Putnam, manure, .	6 00	
		E. M. Blanchard, masonry, .	5 50	
		D. Richards, fuel and grass seed, ...	24 72	
		Simeon Putnam, mowing, etc.,	10 25	
March	1.	Gas Light Company, . . .	61 25	
		Salem Press, printing report,	47 25	
		J. E. Hood, Holland Bulbs,	26 25	
		Chas. Everett, snow bill, .	1 00	
1873.				$798 69
March 31.		Balance on hand, .		5 75
				$804.44

For the Committee,

SAMUEL P. FOWLER.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Library Committee of Peabody Institute.

GENTLEMEN :—In compliance with the rules of the Institute, I present the following brief report of the Library for the year ending March 5, 1873.

The whole number of books on the Accession Catalogue is 7,100.

Of this number there have been added the past year 411; 410 by purchase, and one (a "Catalogue of the Library at Peabody") from the Trustees of that Institution.

Number of borrowers' names added to the ledger	130
Number of volumes bound or rebound, . .	43

Number worn out and withdrawn from circulation, ...	31
Some of these might well be replaced, while others, perhaps, will give place to something better.	
Number of books delivered (being a slight increase over last year), ...	13,927
Number of volumes delivered per week, . . .	290
Cost of books added about	$696
Average cost of the same per volume, . . .	1 70
Amount of fines received, ...	29 95

From an examination, I find that of the three books missing at the annual examination, two have been returned; the other is still missing.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. Howard,

Librarian.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Library Committee submit the following report:—

1872.	Cr.	
	By cash received from Treasurer at sundry times, . .	$1,422 64

1872.	Dr.	
March 5.	To Balance due Library Com.,	$ 7 34
April 8.	A. S. Howard and assistants' quarter salary, .	112 75
April 13.	Hooper & Leonard, blank book, ...	13 00

May	1.	Jonathan Perley, binding books, ...	34 05
June	8.	Wm. H. Piper & Co., books furnished, ...	79 04
July	3.	A. S. Howard and assistants' quarter salary, .	107 95
July	3.	D. C. Colesworthy, books furnished, ...	20 95
July	3.	James Campbell, books furnished, ...	17 43
July	3.	Patterson & Lavender, show case.	16 00
Aug.	2.	N. F. Bartlett, books furnished, ...	7 80
Sept.	4.	Wm. H. Piper & Co., books furnished, ...	23 69
Oct.	1.	A. S. Howard and assistants' quarter salary, .	111 58
Oct.	1.	H. A. Perkins, Gas Light Company, ...	39 60
Oct.	24.	James Campbell, books furnished, ...	30 33
Oct.	24.	Henry Dawson, Historical Magazine, ...	5 00
Dec.	9.	Jonathan Perley, binding books, ...	30 35
Dec.	24.	Charles D. Howard, printing cards, ...	7 50
1873.			
Jan.	2.	A. S. Howard and assistants' quarter salary, .	109 58

Jan.	10.	Irving Stone, periodicals furnished, ...	24 00	
Feb.	1.	Estes & Lauriat, books furnished, ...	26 32	
Feb.	1.	H. P. Ives, stationery furnished, ...	2 85	
Feb.	1.	Wm. H. Piper & Co., books furnished, ...	80 90	
Feb.	1.	Salem Observer Press, labels for books, . . .	10 50	
Feb.	1.	Naturalists' Agency, books furnished, ...	11 00	
Feb.	1.	S. P. Fowler, books furnished, labels, postage, stationery, express, etc.,	493 13	
				$1,422 64

For the Committee,

SAMUEL. P. FOWLER.

Danvers, March 31, 1873.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

ON THE CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

The Library Committee would submit the following Report for the year ending March 31, 1873.

The interest in the Library is continually increasing, and we are less disposed to complain in regard to the careless use of the loaned books. There is, however, much room for improvement in the handling of them, which we should be pleased to notice in our future reports.

Several periodical works of a miscellaneous character have

been added to the Library, and more are wanted. They are more generally read than any other class of writings.

We think there is an increasing desire in our readers for works of fiction and poetry. The American Social Science Association have published a pamphlet, the object of which is to help the growth of free public libraries, in which it is said, "Experience in our largest free public library suggests that of every twenty volumes, seven should be fiction (including poetry); five, travel; four, history (including biography); and four, art, literature (general) and science." This rule would give us a little more than one-third of the books purchased, works of fiction, poems and light literature; hardly enough we think to satisfy the girls. It is thought that seventy per cent. of novels and light literature is provided for the readers in many of our public libraries. There is a class of books, Robinson Crusoe standing for the type, which has been very much increased for a few years past, books of travel, adventure and natural history, not mentioned in the above list of twenty, which boys must and should have. And it is interesting to notice with what avidity these are read, gloated over and mentally devoured by our young friends. By the reading of these books their evenings are spent at home, where they should be; and their voices are not heard in the street. In towns and cities where circulating libraries exist, the inhabitants can be supplied with fictitious reading from these sources, and there is no occasion for this want being met by free public libraries.

It has been a question by the committee, in purchasing books, how many, if any, should be merely books of reference, seldom called for to be taken from the library. Some would reply to this question, that we should only purchase such books as would be read. We think we cannot be wholly governed by that rule,

for we have noticed, and must say, that many books of little value, whose reputation scarcely survives the year in which they were printed, are most read. Good books of reference, although seldom, if ever, taken from the library, are valuable to our school teachers, and their pupils in the higher branches of education; and are frequently consulted by others who are seeking for knowledge or some fact solid and useful.

We know and feel, however, that the reading public want books that are fresh from the press, and are talked about, and if they are not soon furnished much of their interest is lost or dissipated. In order to meet this immediate want, we must make frequent additions to the library; and in some cases, when there is something like a famishing desire manifested and expressed to the committee for a book direct from the press, they have been furnished, and it has been loaned before being entered upon the accession catalogue. But these are desperate cases allowable only to hungry minds. The committee have thought in view of the fact that very many of our books are poorly and slightly bound (if indeed we can call a book bound that is only held together by a few stitches and a little paste, which comes to pieces the first time it is used), that if they could be bought of the publishers in the sheets at a cost less the bindings, and by our public libraries put into a plain, half leather binding, well and faithfully sewed, with plain lettering, so that we shall no longer be compelled to buy and pay for these miserable sham gilt bindings, it would be a saving of money and vexation of spirit.

Our library now numbers 7,100 volumes, embracing works in the various departments of literature. Not unfrequently we are called upon to furnish a book said not to be found in the catalogue, but upon a little closer examination it is found to be there, and, could the book through its author speak, it

would express a desire to leave its dusty niche and find a reader.

Occasionally we hear persons say "I cannot," or "I never can find the book I want in the library; it is not there." Well, reader, we will tell you how you can get it; make known your want to the librarian (after careful examination of the catalogue to be sure it is not there, and that you are right), and he will take measures to procure it for you. And here we should not be much surprised to learn that our readers are complaining of the committee that they are not furnished, from time to time as occasion may require, with a printed supplementary catalogue of the books purchased, whereby they may know what works are in the library. This complaint, particularly when coming from the class of readers who do not visit the library and examine the written catalogue there posted, but depend wholly upon the one printed, is certainly not unreasonable, and should claim the attention of the committee.

We may here say the committee desire to furnish books both new and old, but these particular wants must first be made known before they can be supplied.

The committee are pleased to notice the care and interest taken by the librarian and his assistants, and the good order and decorum present in the audience room.

In conclusion we would commend the Library to the citizens of Danvers, and trust we have not mistaken their wants, nor forgotten the designs of its generous and respected founder.

For the Committee,

SAMUEL P. FOWLER,

Chairman.

REPORT OF THE LYCEUM COMMITTEE.

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES AND RECEIPTS.

1872.				
Oct.	2.	Paid Rev J. D. Fulton, lecture,	$50 00	
Oct.	9.	Paid Prof. W. Denton, "	28 80	
Oct.	16.	Paid Temple Quartette, con.,	142 60	
Oct.	23.	Paid Prof. Churchill, reading,	75 00	
Oct.	30.	Paid Hon. W. Parsons, lecture,	75 00	
Nov.	6.	Paid Rev. W. C. Winslow, "	28 00	
Nov.	13.	Paid Prof. W. H. Niles, "	67 50	
Nov.	27.	Paid Prof. W. Denton, "	28 80	
Dec.	4.	Paid Rev. R. Collyer, "	100 00	
Dec.	11.	Paid Prof. W. H. Niles, "	67 50	
Dec.	18.	Paid Rev. E. C. Bolles, "	65 00	
		Paid J. W. Barnard, pianist, .	33 00	
		Paid Cheever & Prentiss, printing, ...	19 00	
		Paid Hallett, Davis & Co., tuning piano, ...	5 00	
		Paid William Woods, care of horses, ...	6 00	
		Paid C. H. Adams, police, .	60 00	
		Paid Putnam's express, expressing and posting bills, . .	7 50	
		Paid J. Silvester, care of lecturers, etc., ...	3 00	
		Paid postage, ...	2 00	
				$863 70
		Expenses exceeding appropriation 1871, . . $230 50		
Apr.	6.	By cash of Treasurer (extra appropriation), . $230 50		

1872.		Cr.		
Oct.	7.	By Cash of Treasurer, . . .	$500 00	
Dec.	24.	" " " " . . .	525 00	
				$1,025 00
		Balance on hand, . .		161 30

For the Committee,

I. H. PUTNAM.

Chairman.

Danvers, March, 1873.

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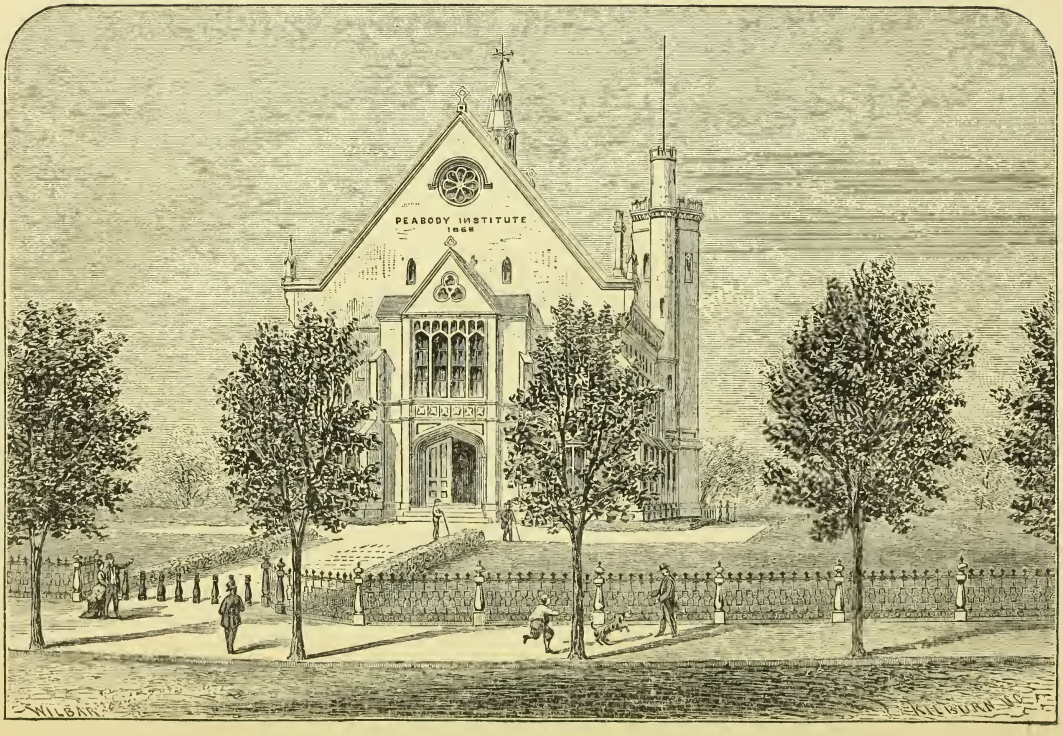
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

In the discharge of one of the duties prescribed to them, the Trustees now present their Seventh Annual Report.

Under the direction of Mr. Silvester, the Committee on the Park and Institute Building have continued to improve and beautify the grounds by the planting of trees, shrubs and plants, and the avenues and paths have been kept in good condition, and the Park has become a favorite and pleasant resort for the people of Danvers. An engraving of Peabody Institute is for the first time exhibited in this Report.

The Annual Reports of the Treasurer, Librarian, Library Committee, Lyceum Committee, Committee on Buildings, and Committee on the condition of the Library are appended to this Report of the Trustees.

Report of the Treasurer of the Peabody Institute

Dr. *Cash.*

1873.				
March 31.	To Balance of account rendered, ...			$895 87
April 5.	To received from Town of Danvers, 6 months interest to 1st inst., on loan $7,000 at 6 per cent., . . .			210 00
April 14.	To received from Estate of Francis Peabody, loan of Jan. 6th, ...			450 00
June 6.	To amount of interest received 1st January, per last account rendered, Gold,	575 00		
	sold this day, premium, 18 per cent.	103 50		
				678 50
June 21.	To received from James Lee, Jr., 6 months interest, at 7 per cent. to date, on $15,000 mortgage loan,			525 00
July 6.	To received from Estate of Francis Peabody, 6 mos. interest, at 7 per cent. to date, on $20,000 mortgage loan, ...			700 00
Oct. 25.	To received 6 months interest, at 5 per cent., on $23,000 Mass. Coast Defence Bonds, to July 1st, Gold, ...	575 00		
	sold this day, premium, 8½ per cent.,	48 88		623 88
Dec. 21.	To received from James Lee, Jr., 6 months interest, at 7 per cent., to date, on $15,000 mortgage loan,			525 00
1874.				
Jan. 6.	To received from Estate of Francis Peabody, 6 mos. interest, at 7 per cent., to date, on $20,000 mortgage loan, ...			700 00
Jan. 15.	To received from Town of Danvers, 6 months interest to 1st October, 1873, on loan of $7,000 at 6 per cent.			210 00
Jan. 16.	To received from 6 months interest on $23,000 Mass. Coast Defence Bonds, at 5 per cent., to Jan. 1st, Gold, ...	575 00		
	Sold this day, premium, 11⅜ per cent.,	65 41		640 41
Jan. 17.	To received from Firemen's Insurance Company, a dividend upon unearned premiums on an unexpired policy at time of failure of the Company in 1872.			10 40
March 31.	To received interest on loans, ...			8 78
				$6,177 84
	To Balance brought forward,		$2,788 46	

FRANCIS PEABODY,

Treasurer.

DANVERS, March 31, 1874.

of Danvers, for the year ending March 31, 1874.

Cash. *Cr.*

1873.		
April 5.	By paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman of Committees, . .	$179 50
April 14.	By paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman of Committees, . .	400 00
April 14.	By paid H. S. Bean, book-keeper, to 1st inst., . . .	50 00
April 24.	By paid Washington Fire Insurance Company premium on insurance on property of the Institute,	130 00
June 6.	By paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman of Committees, . .	678 50
July 26.	By paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman of Committees, . .	700 00
Sept. 27.	By paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman of Committees, . .	400 00
Oct. 16.	By paid H. S. Bean, book-keeper, on account to 1st April, 1874.	25 00
Oct. 25.	By paid I. H. Putnam, Chairman Lyceum Committee,	623 88
Nov. 12.	Salem Mutual Fire Insurance Co., fire insurance, . .	42 00
1874.		
Jan. 9.	By paid American Insurance Company, fire insurance on Building and property, ...	130 00
Jan. 15.	By paid W. L. Weston, Treasurer, loan 6th April, 1872,	20 50
Jan. 17.	By paid Continental Insurance Company, fire insurance on Piano, ...	10 00
March 31.	By Balance carried forward, ...	2,788 46
		$6,177 84

Statement of the Permanent Funds of the Peabody Institute.

Library Fund.

Amount of Fund, March 31, 1873, per account,		$49,740 96	
Interest accrued and credited to Fund, ...		3,771 57	
		53,512 53	
Expenditures during the year ending March 31, 1874, by Committee on Buildings, ...	1,165 39		
Library Committee, ...	1,273 61		
Lyceum Committee, ...	761 60		
Treasurer, ...	376 60	3,576 20	49,936 33

Reserve Fund.

Amount of Fund, March 31, 1873, per account, .	16,699 71		
Interest accrued and credited to Fund, ...	1,050 00		17,749 71
			$67,686 04

Invested as Follows:

Loan to Town of Danvers, at 6 per cent, . . .		7,000 00	
$23,000 Mass. Coast Defence Bonds, at 5 per cent. Gold, appraised at		22,948 25	
Loans on Mortgages, at 7 per cent., ...		35,000 00	
Cash in Treasurer's hands, ...	2,788 46		
Hands of Lyceum Committee, ...	23 58		
Committee on Buildings, ...	3 36		
	2,815 40		
Less due Library Committee, ...	77 61	2,737 79	67,686 04

FRANCIS PEABODY, *Treasurer.*

Danvers, March 31, 1874.

Holten High School Medal Fund in account with Francis Peabody, Treasurer.

1873.	Dr.		
Sept. 1.	To paid W. L. Weston, Treasurer, gold,	$50 00	
1874. March 1.	To paid W. L. Weston, Treasurer, gold,	50 00	$100 00

1873.	Cr.		
Sept. 1.	By received for interest coupons, 6 mos. to date, gold,	50 00	
1874. March 1.	By received for interest coupons, 6 mos. to date, gold,	50 00	$100 00

FRANCIS PEABODY, *Treasurer.*

Danvers, March 31, 1874.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS.

The Committee on Buildings submit the following Report:—

1873.	Cr.		
April 2.	By cash received from Treasurer, ...	$1,163 00	
	Balance on hand Mar. 31, 1873,	5 75	
			$1,168 75

1873.	Dr.		
April 2.	By cash paid		
	William Scott, labor in park,	6 00	
" 22.	John C. Putnam, manure, .	16 50	
	Simeon Putnam, manure, . .	19 25	
May 1.	Benjamin E. Newhall, garden tools, ...	3 37	
	A. P. Perley & Co., garden tools, ...	3 00	
	William F. Barry, labor in park, ...	13 12	
" 19.	Francis Putnam, plants, . .	13 00	
" 28.	S. P. Silvester, labor in park,	42 00	
June 7.	Benj. F. Cook, labor in park,	26 50	
" 21.	Charles F. West, glazing, .	6 80	
" 30.	Michael Barry, labor in park,	18 37	
July 1.	Hovey & Co., bedding plants,	13 70	
" 3.	S. P. Silvester, labor in park,	24 00	
" 17.	Joshua Silvester, labor in park,	137 00	
" 21.	Charles F. West, painting and glazing Institute Building,	222 10	
	F. A. Couch, work on Inst. Building, ...	5 88	
Aug. 1.	Joshua Silvester, labor in park,	136 50	
" 5.	Wm. F. Barry, labor in park,	25 62	
	Amounts carried forward .	$732 71	$1,168 75

	Amounts brought forward .	$732 71	$1168 75
Sept. 2.	Perkins & Bradstreet, ashes,	18 00	
" 15.	S. P. Silvester, labor in park,	43 50	
Oct. 9.	Rufus Lamson, flower pots, .	11 27	
" 11.	George W. Bell, express, .	70	
	Morse & White, sand screen,	12 00	
	Jas. M. Cook, glass for Inst. Building, ...	9 00	
" 20.	Hovey & Co., bulbs and plants, ...	15 60	
" 22.	Joshua Silvester, labor in park,	84 00	
" 27.	J. E. Hood, Dutch bulbs, .	22 64	
Nov. 5.	E. Tuffts, making carpet, . .	3 90	
" 24.	Wm. F. Barry, labor in park,	81 62	
Dec. 1.	S. A. Putnam's express, . .	17 25	
	W. H. Porter, masonry, . .	2 40	
	Edward Wyatt, meadow muck,	9 00	
" 11.	Wm. F. Barry, labor in park,	1 80	
1874.			
Jan. 1.	S. P. Fowler, seeds, plants, shrubs and bulbs, whale oil soap, syringe, etc., . . .	19 10	
	H. O. Warren, coal, . . .	72 00	
	Calvin Putnam, lumber, . .	8 90	
			$1,165 39
	Balance due from Committee,		3 36

For the Committee,
SAMUEL P. FOWLER.

DANVERS, March 31, 1873.

TO THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

OF PEABODY INSTITUTE.

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the requisition of the By-laws of the Institute, I submit the following Report of the operation and condition of the Library, for the year ending March 4, 1874.

The whole number of books now on the Accession Catalogue is 7,483, not including forty volumes public documents from Messrs. Sanger and Loring, and Government Officials at Washington, which are yet uncatalogued.

Of this number there have been added, the past year, 478 volumes; 472 by purchase, and six were gifts as reported in August.

Cost of books added, exclusive of Periodicals taken, about $717.

Average cost per volume about one dollar and seventy-five cents.

Number of volumes bound 8, rebound 40, worn out and withdrawn from circulation 25.

Number of volumes delivered 15,841; being an increase of 1900 volumes over last year.

Amount of fines collected, $39.65.

Number of borrowers' names added one hundred and fifty-six.

There are now 900 volumes of which there is no printed catalogue; and if, as has been our custom, we add 100 or more, early in the Spring, there will be enough to make a supplement of some twenty-two or twenty-three pages. The last, printed in August, 1871, contained sixteen pages, costing two dollars and fifty cents per page, 400 copies being furnished for that sum. Most of these books are posted on the boards, and if thought best the balance can be placed there and the printing of a supplement delayed to some future time.

There are many, however, who would prefer a catalogue of more convenient form.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. Howard,

Librarian.

Danvers, March 4, 1874.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Library Committee submit the following report:—

1873.		Cr.		
		By cash received from Treasurer, ...		$1,195 00

1873.		Dr.		
March	25.	By cash paid		
		Piper & Co., for books, .	$ 55 21	
May	11.	A. S. Howard and assistants' one quarter salary,	108 97	
"	12.	Peabody Press, printing cards, ...	7 50	
		J. Jackson, binding books,	1 00	
July	1.	H. P. Ives & Co., paper and ink, ...	3 43	
		Putnam's Express, . . .	7 15	
		Gas Light Company, . .	51 65	
"	9.	H. B. Dawson, Historical Magazine, ...	5 00	
		A. S. Howard and assistants' one quarter salary,	102 95	
		Jonathan Perley, binding books, ...	34 85	
Aug.	11.	Mirror Office, printing, .	1 50	
"	16.	Piper & Co., books, . .	23 36	
Oct.	1.	A. S. Howard and assistants' one quarter salary,	111 55	
Nov.	28.	James Campbell, books, .	9 55	
Dec.	4.	Jonathan Perley, binding books, ...	19 80	
"	30.	A. S. Howard and assistants' one quarter salary,	110 99	
		Amounts carried forward .	$654 46	$1,195 00

	Amounts brought forward .	$654 46	$1,195 00
Dec. 30.	S. P. Fowler, purchasing books, ...	10 50	
	S. P. Fowler, express for books, ...	5 10	
	S. P. Fowler, stationery, tags, etc.	7 00	
1874.			
Jan. 1.	S. P. Fowler, books furnished, ...	595 55	
1874.			$1,272 61
March 31.	Balance due Library Committee, ...		$77 61

For the Committee,

SAMUEL P. FOWLER.

Danvers, March 31, 1874.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

ON THE CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

The Library Committee would submit the following Report for the year ending March 31, 1874:

The condition of the Library remains the same as given in our last Report. The inconvenience attending the want of a new catalogue is felt more and more, as the number of volumes increases. We need a system of classification, and an arrangement of our books, and this work cannot be much longer delayed. There appears to be a constant increase of borrowers' names added to the list, from year to year, showing a greater interest in the Library. How to secure the best results from the sum appropriated for its use, is the study of the Library Committee; and they find the most difficult part of their duty is in selecting and purchasing books. What shall we select, is a question not always easy to decide. We have solicited aid in the choice of books from our readers, and promptly furnished them,

in some cases, before they have been entered on the accession catalogue. In the performance of their duty, the committee think they should not forget that they are called upon to manage a Free Public Library,—not a collection of books for the antiquary, for the theologian, or for scientific study exclusively. However, it is well for Libraries, that have sufficient funds, to procure all works of an early date, for there are occasional readers who call for them. We think, as a general rule, but few of our readers read old books, and have noticed that those most read are works fresh from the press. An elderly and intelligent lady once said she could always get from the Library the books she wanted, for they were never out. We asked her what those books were she always found on the shelves; she said old theological books.

Books relating to the Civil or Natural History of our extended country should be procured whether new or old; they will always be valuable, and continue to increase in value from year to year. We want also the higher class of educational works, useful to our teachers and pupils in our Grammar and High Schools. Within a few years our publishers have furnished a large class of books, relating to Western travels and expeditions, always interesting to young readers. In regard to books, which we will call prose fiction, or novels, shall we continue to furnish them? Most certainly, for a Public Library would not be complete without them. What we need is a judicious selection of these fictitious writings, avoiding all those of a pernicious character, and excluding them, should they be found in the Library. And should any of our readers discover any novels or other works of a vicious character, the Librarian or some one of the Library Committee would be pleased to be informed of it. If we should put the question to our numerous readers, what proportion of prose fiction should be furnished, we should at once find a great variety of opinions, in regard to it. Some would go so far as to exclude them entirely. They seem to forget that the desire to hear stories told, or read them in books, is instinctive in children and young persons. This want is early manifested by the child, in its earnest importu-

nity that its parents would tell a story. It is greatly fostered in our Sabbath Schools, by the books furnished its young readers, and gathers strength in youth, and is felt in a greater degree, before they enter the sober business of life. For the benefit and comfort of our young readers, who are supposed by some persons to be the only guilty readers of novels, we will affirm that the reading of these works is not confined to those who take the books from the Library, but they are also read by older persons in the household. There is perhaps less apology now offered than formerly, by those having in charge our Public Libraries for purchasing works of fiction. It used to be the way years ago, for some publishers, as an apology for publishing novels, to say they were founded on facts, although we were never able to discover their foundations. There were also, those who would apologize to the public for their publications by saying they were religious romances. These last fictions were generally very weak productions, but may have ministered to a low literary taste, which in time would crave stronger food. It is now many years since, that some one, in order to set forth and counteract what he supposed to be the pernicious effects of fictitious works, published in Philadelphia a novel, a feeble imitation of the "Life and Exploits of Don Quixote De La Mancha," and entitled "Female Quixotism." The heroine of the tale was a Dulcina, Dorcas Sheldon by name, who was represented as being spoilt past all recovery by the reading o novels. Would not our girls like to see a copy of this old romance; we have seen two editions of it, but it has now long been out of print. From sixty-five to seventy per cent. is the usual amount of prose fiction furnished the Public Libraries in this country. In the Free Libraries of England, the percentage is still higher. In our own Library there is a less number of volumes of this class of writings than in most Public Libraries. There are always a less number of them on our shelves, than our accession Catalogue would seem to indicate. Many of them are ephemeral in their character and, by much reading and careless usage, are soon worn out, and withdrawn from the Library and seldom replaced. Much might be said

of the value of our Public Library to the inhabitants of Danvers; and it is gratifying to the Committee to note an increasing disposition on their part, to avail themselves of its privileges.

For the Committee,

SAMUEL P. FOWLER,

Chairman.

REPORT OF THE LYCEUM COMMITTEE.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES.

1873.				
March		By Cash Balance, ...		$161 30
Oct.	25	received of Treasurer, . .		623 88
				785 18
Oct.	8.	Paid Prof. E. S. Morse, lecture,	$75 00	
"	15.	Paid Hon. W. Parsons, "	75 00	
"	22.	Paid Maj. H. C. Dane, "	35 00	
"	29.	Paid Dr. T. Sterry Hunt, "	75 00	
Nov.	5.	Paid Ingleside Quartette, concert, ...	145 50	
"	12.	Paid Dr. Isaac I. Hayes, lecture, ...	75 00	
"	19.	Paid Rev. Elias Nason, lecture,	35 00	
"	26.	Paid Prof. J. W. Churchill, readings, ...	78 00	
Dec.	27.	Paid J. Silvester, care of Lecturers, ...	4 00	
		Paid W. F. Barry, care of horses, ...	6 00	
		Paid Hallett, Davis & Co., Piano, ...	6 10	
		Amounts carried forward .	$ 609 60	$785 18

1874.		*Amounts brought forward* . .	$609 60	$785 18
Jan.	21.	Paid Hon. J. D. Philbrick, lecture, ...	25 00	
"	28.	Paid Rev. Elias Nason, lecture,	35 00	
		Paid J. W. Lyford, police, .	38 00	
		Paid J. M. Wait, usher, . .	3 00	
		Paid B. J. Wait, " . .	4 00	
		Paid Cheever & Prentiss, printing, ...	15 00	
		Paid Putnam's express, posting bills, ...	4 00	
		Paid J. W. Barnard, Pianist,	27 00	
		Paid postage, ...	1 00	
				$761 60
		Balance on hand, . . .		23 58

I. H. PUTNAM.

Chairman.

DANVERS, March, 1874.

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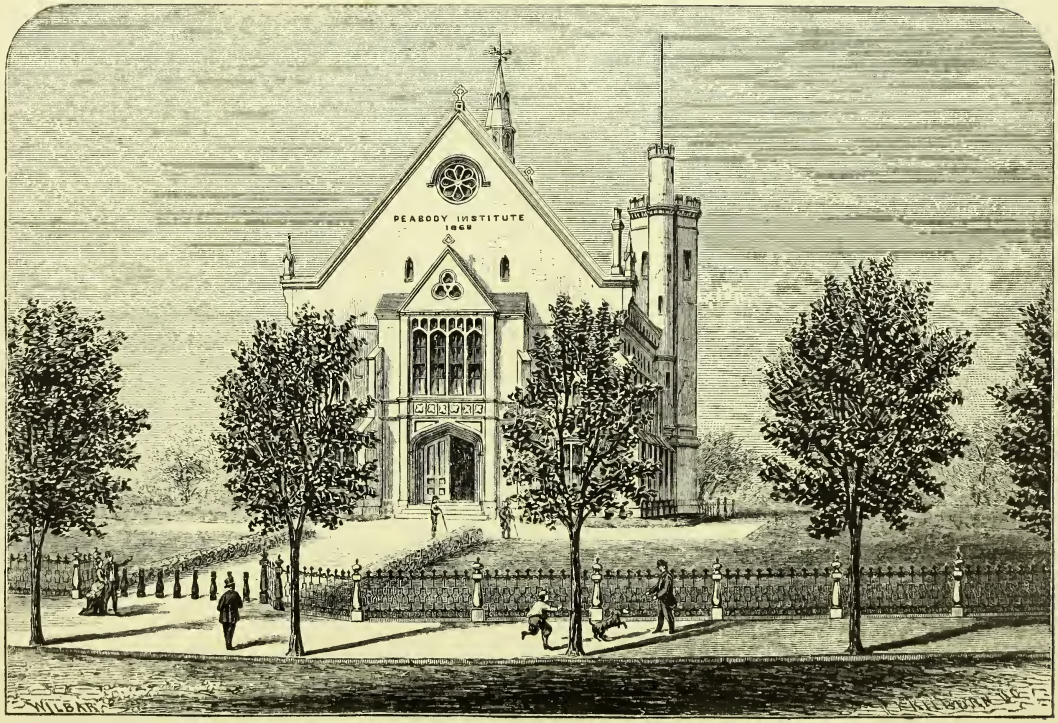
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES,

UPON THE CONDITION OF

THE PEABODY INSTITUTE,

Will be seen as set forth in the Annual Reports of the Treasurer, Librarian, Building Committee, Committee on Building, and Lyceum Committee.

Report of the Treasurer of the Peabody Institute

DR. CASH.

1874.				
March 31.	To Balance of account rendered.			$2788.46
May 25.	To received from Town of Danvers, 6 mos. interest to April 1st, on $7,000 loan at 6 per cent.,			210.00
June 21.	To received from James Lee, Jr., 6 months interest, at 7 per cent., to date, on $15,000 mortgage loan,			525.00
July 7.	To received 6 mos. interest, at 5 per cent., on $23,000 Mass. Coast Defence Bonds, Gold,	575.00		
	premium, 9 5-8 per cent.,	55.34		
				630.34
Aug. 27.	To received from Estate of Francis Peabody, 6 months interest, at 7 per cent. to July 6th, on $20.000 mortgage loan,			700.00
Oct. 26.	To received fromTown of Danvers, 6 mos. interest to 1st inst., on $7,000 loan at 6 per cent,			210.00
Dec. 21.	To received from James Lee, Jr., 6 mos. interest, at 7 per cent. to date, on $15,000 mortgage loan,			525.00
1875.				
Jan. 15.	To received 6 months interest, at 5 per cent., on $23,000 Mass. Coast Defence Bonds, Gold,	575.00		
	premium, 12 5-8 per cent.,	71.16		
				646.16
Jan. 20.	To received from Estate of Francis Peabody, 6 months interest, at 7 per cent., to 6th inst., on $20,000 mortgage loan,			700.00
March 31.	To received interest on sundry loans,			57.72
				$6,992.68
	To Balance brought forward,		$1,257.68	

FRANCIS PEABODY,
Treasurer.

DANVERS, March 31st, 1875.

# of Danvers, for the year ending March 31, 1875.

CASH. CR.

1874.					
April	28.	By paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman of Committees,			$525.00
May	15.	" "	do	do	210.00
July	9.	" "	do	do	400.00
July	22.	" "	do	do	1,500.00
Aug.	1.	" "	do	do	400.00
Aug.	27.	" "	do	do	1,200.00
Oct.	26.	" "	do	do	210.00
Dec.	16.	" "	H. S. Bean, book-keeper, 1 year to 1st April, 1875,		50.00
1875.					
Jan.	5.	" "	M. B. Putnam, Chairman Lyceum Committee,		600.00
Jan.	20.	" "	S. P. Fowler, Chairman of Committees,	500.	
Jan.	20.	" "	American Insurance Co., fire insurance premium on Building and property,	130.	
					630.00
Jan.	29.	" "	Continental Insurance Co., fire insurance premium on Piano,		10.00
March	31.	" Balance carried forward,			1,257.68
					$6992.68

Memo.—The interest on $2,000 U. S. 10-40 Bonds, was received on the 1st Sept. 1874, and 1st March 1875, and transferred to W. L. Weston Treasurer, on account of the Holten High School Medal Fund, each payment $50 gold. Gold, $100.00

Statement of the Permanent Funds of the Peabody Institute.

Library Fund.

Amount of Fund, March 31, 1874,		$49,936.33	
Interest accrued and credited to Fund,		3,096.50	
		53,032.83	
Expenditures during the year ending March 31, 1875, by Treasurer,	190.00		
Lyceum Committee,	606.91		
Committee on Buildings (net),	1,324.39		
Library Committee,	994.00	3,115.30	49,917.53

Reserve Fund.

Amount of Fund, March 31, 1874,		17,749.71	
Interest accrued and credited to Fund,		1,107.72	
		18,857.43	
Expended by Building Committee,		2,481.73	16,375.70
			$66,293.23

Invested as Follows:

Loan to Town of Danvers, at 6 per cent.,		7,000.00	
$23,000 Mass. Coast Defence Bonds, at 5 per cent. Gold, appraised at		22,948.25	
Loans on Mortages, at 7 per cent.,		35,000.00	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	1,257.68		
Building Committee,	18.27		
Lyceum Committee,	16.67		
Committee on Buildings,	52.36	1,344.98	$66,293.23

FRANCIS PEABODY,

Treasurer.

Danvers, March 31, 1875.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS.

The Committee on Buildings submit the following report:—

1874.		Cr.		
		By cash from Treasurer,	$1,373.39	
		" " " Use of Hall,	109.00	
		Bal. on hand Mar. 31, 1873,	3.36	
				$1,485.75

1874.		Dr.		
April	1.	To cash paid Benjamin E. Newhall, garden tools,	6.56	
"	2.	Salem Press, printing Report,	43.58	
"	14.	W. F. Barry, labor in park,	3.75	
"	"	Hovey & Co., seeds, plants and bulbs,	25.35	
"	22.	W. F. Barry, labor in park,	41.25	
June	24.	Jonas Warren, cement,	21.60	
"	"	Town team, hauling rocks,	6.00	
July	1.	Gas Light Company,	35.55	
"	"	H. A. Peabody, sand,	5.10	
"	"	J. Silvester, labor in park,	175.00	
"	"	W. F. Barry, labor in park,	41.50	
"	"	J. Foster, labor in park,	11.85	
"	7.	G. W. Bell, carting cement,	.95	
"	"	Putnam's express,	7.85	
"	"	Gas Light Company,	91.77	
"	21.	D. S. Thompson, labor in park,	45.00	
Aug.	1.	Timo. Leach, labor in park,	120.75	
Sept.	11.	Edward W. Wyatt, muck,	10.50	
"	21.	Parker Webber, paint,	2.05	
Oct.	3.	H. O. Warren, coal,	85.00	
"	7.	Cook & Redding, glass,	12.00	
"	8.	Jos. E. Hood, Dutch bulbs,	25.32	
"	9.	Lefavor & Clough, views of Institute Building,	21.00	
		Amount carried forward		$839.28

		Amount brought forward		$839.28
Oct.	11.	W. B. Peart, iron work,	3.11	
"	13.	Oswald Lawson, painting,	3.61	
"	"	G. A. Tapley, carpet,	48.30	
"	22.	S. S. Kilburn, engraving Institute Building and wood block for same,	40.00	
Nov.	7.	Hovey & Co., bulbs and plants,	6.50	
"	10.	H. A. Peabody, sand,	5.10	
"	30.	W. F. Barry, labor in Park.	83.25	
"	"	J. Sylvester, labor in park,	100.00	
Dec.	7.	Sanger, Hood & Co., coal,	93.00	
"	"	Ropes & Upton, soldering solder and Douglas Water ram,	36.00	
"	"	J. Sylvester, work in park,	128.00	
				546.87
1875.				
March 1.		S. P. Fowler, cash paid carpenter $5.50, Door knobs and trimmings, $2.60, specimens of Natural History and Alcohol, $7.90, express, $5.24, Lefavor & Clough, $5.00, flower seeds, plants, shrubs and bulbs, $18.00, Roses and Peonies, $3.00		47.24
				1,433.39
		Balance due from Committee, deposited in bank,		52.36
				$1485.75

For the Committee,

SAMUEL P. FOWLER.

DANVERS, March 20, 1875.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE REPAIRS OF THE INSTITUTE BUILDING.

1874.	Cr.		
July 22.	Cash received from Treasurer	$1500.00	
Aug. 29.	" " " "	1000.00	
			$2500.00

1874.	Dr.		
June 10.	Cash paid Goldthwait & Day, carpenter's work on Institute and materials furnished,	1132.63	
" 17.	D. Richards & Son, paint, grindstone and tools,	114.83	
" 29.	Salem Foundry, castings,	20.65	
" "	Oswald Lawson, painting Inst.	237.36	
" "	W. H. Porter, masonry,	23 37	
" "	Thos. Pinnock & Son, slating Institute building	400.00	
July 29.	Ropes & Upton, tin plates for roof and soldering	282.66	
" "	Ropes & Upton, tin work,	39.49	
Sept. 7.	Richardson & Waters, hose and pipe,	25.55	
" 21.	Calvin Putnam, lumber,	20.63	
" "	Gas Light Company, pipe and fittings for water ram,	85.06	
" "	J. H. & J. M. Parsons, mason work,	99.50	
			2481.73
	Balance on deposit in bank,		18.27
			$2500.00

SAMUEL P. FOWLER,
DANIEL RICHARDS,
J. SYLVESTER,
ISRAEL W. ANDREWS, } *Committee.*

Danvers, March 20, 1874.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Library Committee submit the following report :—

1874.		Cr.		
		By cash received from Treasurer, at various times,		$1071.61

1874.		Dr.		
April	I.	Balance due Lib. Committee,	$77.61	
"	"	By cash paid Irving Stone, periodicals,	26.00	
"	29.	A. S. Howard and assistants, one quarter's salary,	107.55	
July	I.	Jona. Perley, binding books,	33.55	
"	"	A. S. Howard and assistants, one quarter's salary,	108.30	
"	22.	Estes & Lauriat, books,	4.25	
Aug.	1.	Estes & Lauriat, books,	13.00	
"	24.	James Campbell, books,	14.05	
"	26.	S. P. Fowler, books purchased,	209.68	
Oct.	1.	A. S. Howard and assistants, salary one quarter	112.06	
Nov.	20.	Jona. Perley, binding books,	18.40	
"	21.	Estes & Lauriat, books,	34.83	
1875.				
Jan.	1.	A. S. Howard, and assistants, one quarter's salary,	108.65	
"	"	S. P. Fowler, books purchased,	133.44	
Feb.	1.	Estes & Lauriat, books,	42.99	
"	"	S. P. Fowler, stationery, tags, stamps, envelopes, purchasing books, binding books and express,	27.25	
				1071.61

For the Committee,

SAMUEL P. FOWLER.

Danvers, March 31, 1875.

TO THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

OF PEABODY INSTITUTE.

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the By-laws of the Institute, I present the following report of the operation and condition of the Library, for the year ending March 3, 1875.

The whole number of books now on the Accession Catalogue is 7678. Of this number there have been added the past year, 198; 152 by purchase, and the balance were gifts from Messrs. S. P. Fowler, Dr. George B. Loring, and George J. Sanger, as reported in August.

Cost of books added, exclusive of Periodicals, $280.35.

Average cost per volume, $1.80.

Number of volumes bound, 8.

" " " rebound, 46.

" " " worn out and withdrawn, 25.

Of the five volumes missing at the August examination, three have been returned; the others are still missing.

Number of volumes delivered, 15,733, which is 108 less than the preceding year. This is pretty well accounted for by the fact, that we have added but oue-third as many volumes, designed for circulation, as in the previous year.

Those of our readers who mean to keep up with the times, are continually on the lookout for something new, and if we do not have it, they do not call so often.

Amount of fines collected, $32.05.

Number of borrowers' names added, 158.

In the report of last year, the attention of the Committee was called to to the subject of a new supplementary catalogue. The same reasons for such supplement still exist, but if it is not thought best to print such supplement the present season, I would suggest the expediency of preparing two or more manuscript supplements for the convenience of our readers.

Many of our books show the signs of constant use, and by a class of readers, the young, who are not always as careful as they ought to be; but some allowance must be made and due consideration still shown, in the selection of books suited to their taste and age; for the habit of spending leisure hours

in reading, must always prove a source of pleasure and profit.

There are some sets of books badly worn, which should be replaced as soon as the means can be spared.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. HOWARD, Librarian.

DANVERS, March 10, 1875.

REPORT OF LYCEUM COMMITTEE.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES.

1875.				
		Cash balance rec'd of I. H. Putnam,	23.58	
Jan.	5.	Received of Treasurer,	600.00	
				623.58
1874.				
Dec.	2.	Paid Hon. Wm. Parsons, lecture,	75.00	
"	16.	" Mrs. Louise W. Foss, readings,	75.00	
"	23.	" Mr. James T. Fields, lecture,	75.00	
"	80.	" Mr. Wm. S. Andrews, lecture,	75.00	
1875.				
Jan.	6.	" Pres. W. S. Clark, lecture,	60.00	
"	13.	" " " "	60.00	
"	14.	" Wm. F. Barry, care of horses,	4.50	
"	25.	" F. W. Lyford, police,	35.00	
Feb.	6.	" Geo. P. Bell, posting bills,	3.50	
"	9.	" Putnam & Co., expressing,	2 15	
"	12.	" J. W. Barnard, pianist,	18.00	
Mch.	6.	" H. C. Cheever, printing,	7.00	
"	6.	" A. B. Woodis, hack hire,	1.00	
"	6.	" Hallet, Davis & Co., piano,	4.00	
"	13.	" Josh. Silvester, care of lecturers	10.00	
"	13.	" Danvers Choral Union, concert, Dec. 9th,	100.00	
"	15.	" M. B. Putnam, postage,	1.76	
				606.91
		Balance on hand,		$16.67

M. B. PUTNAM, *Chairman.*

DANVERS, March 15, 1875.

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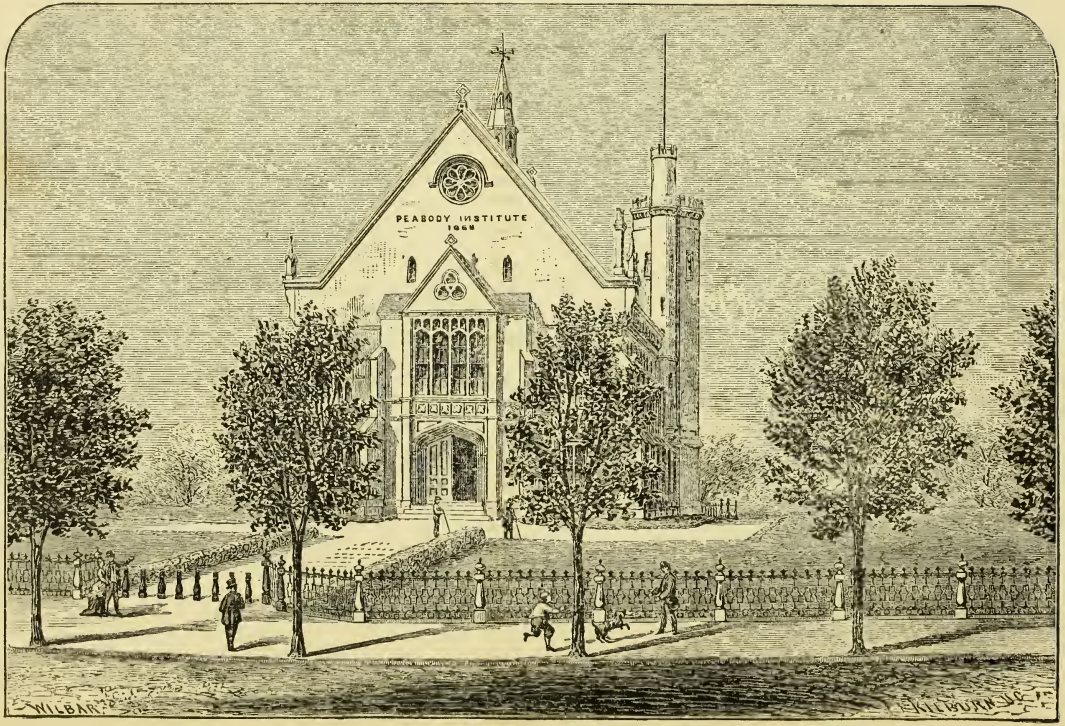
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Report of the Trustees,

UPON THE CONDITION OF THE

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OF THE

Treasurer, Librarian, Building Committee, Lyceum Committee, and Committee on Building.

Report of the Treasurer of the Peabody Institute,

Dr. *Cash.*

1877.			
March 31.		To Balance of account this date,	921.54
April	2.	To received from Town of Danvers, 6 mos. int. to April 1st, on $7000 at 6 per cent,	210.00
June	14.	To received from H. B. Sargent, 6 mos. int. at 7 per cent, to Dec. 13, 1876, on $20,000 mortgage note, $700. Interest to date, $24.91,	724.91
"	21.	To received from E. G. Byam, 6 mos. int., at 6 per cent, to date, on $15,000 mortgage note,	450.00
July	14.	To received 6 mos. int. to July 1st, on $23,000 Mass. Coast Defence Bonds at 5 per ct. gold, $575, at 102 7-8,	591.54
Oct.	1.	To received from Town of Danvers, 6 mos. int. to date, on $7000 at 6 per cent,	210.00
Dec.	21.	To received from E. G. Byam, 6 mos. int. at 6 per cent, to date, on $15,000 mortgage note,	450.00
1878.			
March	1.	To received interest on loans,	26.07
"	20.	To received 6 mos. int. to Jan. 1st, on $23,000 Mass. Coast Defence Bonds, at 5 per ct. gold, $575, at 101 1-8,	581.47
			$4,165.53
		To Balance brought forward,	$836.57

FRANCIS PEABODY, *Treasurer.*

DANVERS, March 30, 1878.

Examined and found correct,

I. H. PUTNAM, } *Auditing*
DANIEL RICHARDS, } *Committee.*

# of Danvers, for the year ending March 31, 1878.

Cash. *Cr.*

1877.				
April	7.	By paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman, &c.,		$135.56
"	7.	"	" "	190.00
"	7.	"	" "	210.00
May	2.	"	" "	400.00
June	16.	"	" "	400.00
Aug.	21.	"	" "	400.00
Sept.	22.	"	I. H. Putnam, "	100.00
Oct.	11.	"	E. D. Hines, "	200.00
"	16.	"	S. P. Fowler, "	375.90
Nov.	24.	"	" "	250.00
Dec.	8.	"	E. D. Hines, "	200.00
"	28.	"	Boylston Mut. Fire Ins. Co., fire insurance for 3 years to Nov. 1880,	180.00
"	28.	"	American Ins. Co., do.,	150.00
1878.				
Jan.	17.	"	Fire insurance on piano,	7.50
Jan.	13.	"	Mercantile Marine Ins. Co., fire insurance for one year to March, 1878,	80.00
March	26.	"	H. S. Bean, book-keeper, for year 1877-8,	50.00
		"	Balance to new account,	836.57
				$4,165.53

Memo.—The Income from the Holten High School Medal Fund, has been paid to W. L. Weston, Treasurer, for the purposes of the Fund, amounting to, Gold, $100.00

Statement of the Permanent Funds of the Peabody Institute.

Library Fund.

Amount of Fund, March 31, 1877,		$49,639.24	
Interest accrued and credited to Fund,		2,317.92	
		51,957.16	
Expended during the year, by			
Library Committee,	$1,011.88		
Committee on Buildings,	1,064.41		
Lyceum Committee,	418.85		
Committee on Printing,	140.30		
Treasurer,	467.50	3,102.94	$48,854.22

Reserve Fund.

Amount of Fund, March 31, 1877,		16,417.37	
Interest accrued and credited to Fund,		926.07	
		17,343.44	
Expended during the year, by			
Building Committee, (Repairs,)		375.00	16,968.44
Total Funds,			$65,822.66

Invested as Follows:—

Loan of Town of Danvers,		7,000.00	
$23,000 Mass. Coast Defence Bonds, appraised at		22,948.25	
Loans on Mortgage,		35,000.00	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	836.57		
" " Building Committee,	1.00		
" " Lyceum Committee,	18.15		
" " Com. on Printing,	2.70		
" " Com. on Buildings,	15.99	874.41	$65,822.66

FRANCIS PEABODY, *Treasurer.*

Danvers, March 30th, 1878.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS.

The Committee on Buildings submit the following report:—

1877.		Cr.		
April 1.	By cash from last account,		$187.16	
" 1.	" received from Treasurer,		893.24	
" 7.	" " " "		135.56	
Oct. 16.	" " " "		375.90	$1,591.86

1877.	BILLS NO.	Dr.		
Ap. 1.	1.	A. S. Howard, opening hall,	25.05	
	2.	Benj. F. Tufts, soil and manure,	110.29	
	3.	Michael Sullivan, labor in park,	19.60	
	4.	Gas Co., hydrants, pipe, hose, for the introduction of water in park,	177.06	
	5.	Michael Barry, labor in park,	231.25	
	6.	Joshua Silvester, labor in park,	225.00	
	7.	T. F. Coughlan, " "	18.00	
	8.	Solomon Morrison, " "	7.50	
	9.	Benj. E. Newhall, hose, &c., for water,	58.00	
	10.	Danvers Water Board, pipe, labor, &c.,	52.85	
	11.	Augustus Fowler, salt thatch,	8.25	
	12.	Potter, Batchelder & Co., coal,	50.00	
	13.	Ropes & Upton, pumps, funnel, &c.,	9.59	
	14.	Mrs. L. P. Weston, bedding plants,	4.15	
	15.	John Morrison, labor in park,	12.00	
	16.	Hovey & Co., plants and seeds,	7.60	
	17.	J. Marston, expressing,	1.15	
	18.	S. P. Fowler, plants, shrubs, trees, tools, &c.,	30.17	
	19.	Caskin & O'Connell, work on roof of Institute,	6.60	
	20.	W. B. Peart, iron work on gate, &c.,	7.05	
	21.	John A. Putnam, wood furnished,	3.25	
April 7.		Cash paid committee on repair of building,	135.56	
Nov. 24.		" " " "	375.90	1,575.87
		Balance due from Committee,		15.99
				$1,591.86

For the Committee,

SAMUEL P. FOWLER.

Danvers, March 31st, 1878.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPAIRS.

PAINTING PEABODY INSTITUTE AND FENCE.

1877.	Cr.		
April 6.	Rec'd through S. P. Fowler, of Treasurer,	$135.56	
Oct. 14.	" " " "	375.90	$511.46

1877.	Dr.		
April 7.	Cash paid borrowed from Bank,	135.46	
Oct. 7.	" Thomas Barnett's bill, painting Institute building,	360.00	
" 7.	" D. Richards & Son, lead and carpet,	15.00	
" 7.	Cash in bank not drawn,	1.00	$511.46

Money due from sale of old sheathing, $29.05

For the Committee,

J. SILVESTER.

Danvers, March 30th, 1878.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Library Committee would submit the following report:—

1877.		Cr.		
April 1.	By cash from Treasurer,		$956.76	
"	Balance due from last account,		55.12	$1,011.88

1877.	Bills no.	Dr.		
April.	1.	Jonathan Perley, binding books,	38.60	
	2.	A. S. Howard, librarian and assistants,	121.03	
	3.	" " "	102.78	
	4.	" " "	115.69	
	5.	" " "	112.62	
	6.	Estes & Lauriat, books,	134.73	
	7.	E. H. Hames & Co., Literary World,	3.00	
	8.	Jonathan Perley, binding books,	48.45	
	9.	Estes & Lauriat, books,	140.65	
	10.	S. P. Fowler, books furnished library,	121.75	
	11.	S. Putnam, express, &c.,	8.55	
	12.	S. P. Fowler, tags, pencils, &c.,	4.00	
	13.	Jonathan Perley, binding books,	41.70	
	14.	A. P. Berry & Co., periodicals,	18.33	
			$1,011.88	$1,011.88

For the Committee,

SAMUEL P. FOWLER.

Danvers, March 30, 1878.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

To the Library Committee of Peabody Institute.

Gentlemen :—I submit the following statement in regard to the condition and operation of the Library, since the last Annual Report :—

The whole number of books now on the Accession Catalogue, is 8677.

Of this number there have been added the past year 269. Of these ten were magazines taken in numbers and afterward bound; three were gifts, as follows :—One "Treatise on Punctuation," from S. P. Fowler; one "History of Bunker Hill Monument Association," from the author, George Washington Warren; one, "Memorial Addresses;—Life and character of Henry Wilson," from the Hon. Charles P. Thompson; and 256 by purchase. There were also received, Messages and Congressional Documents for 1876–7, from C. P. Thompson; Financial Report for 1877, from the Treasury Department; and the Report of the Regents of the Smithsonian Institute for 1876.

Number of borrowers' names added since August,	128.
" different persons taking books in that time,	1010.
" books delivered,	11,545.
" " " during the year,	20,144.
Increase on the preceding year,	2800.
Average per week,	419.
Number of books re-bound since August,	67.
" " bound,	10.

The Supplementary Catalogue, which was in the hands of the printer at the time of the annual examination, was received before the re-opening; it made a pamphlet of 41 pages, the price of which was fixed at 25 cents.

Cash received for fines, cards and catalogues, $35.79.

Of the five books missing in August, one has been returned; the others are still missing.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. HOWARD, Librarian.

Danvers, March, 1878.

REPORT OF LYCEUM COMMITTEE, FOR 1877-8.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES.

1877.	Cr.		
Balance from last year,		$37.00	
Oct.	Received from Treasurer,	200.00	
Dec.	" " "	200.00	$437.00

1877.			Dr.		
1.	Paid Oct.	17.	E. C. Bolles,	50.00	
2.	Nov.	8.	George C. Lorimer,	50.00	
3.	"	14.	Robert Collyer,	75.00	
4.	Dec.	5.	E. S. Morse,	50.00	
5.	"	12.	Laura E. Dainty,	25.00	
6.	"	27.	William I. Marshall,	40.00	
1878.					
7.	Jan.		Warren Goodale,	6.00	
8.	"	1.	A. B. Woodis,	1.00	
9.	"	17.	Danvers Choral Society,	60.00	
10.	"	17.	Police,	30.00	
11.	"	28.	Michael Barry,	3.00	
12.	Feb.	11.	Isaac A. Berry,	13.85	
13.	April	3.	J. W. Barnard,	10.00	
14.	"	6.	J. Silvester,	5.00	418.85
			Balance on hand,		18.15
					$437.00

EZRA D. HINES, Chairman.

DANVERS, April 6, 1878.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

1877.			
April 25.	Balance in bank,	$43.00	
	Appropriation,	100.00	$143.00
May 24.	Paid C. H. Shepard & Co.,	28.00	
June 10.	" " "	4.50	
Sept. 24.	" " "	102.30	
1878.			
Jan. 10.	" " "	5.50	140.30
	Balance in bank,		$2.70

For the Committee,

I. H. PUTNAM.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1880.

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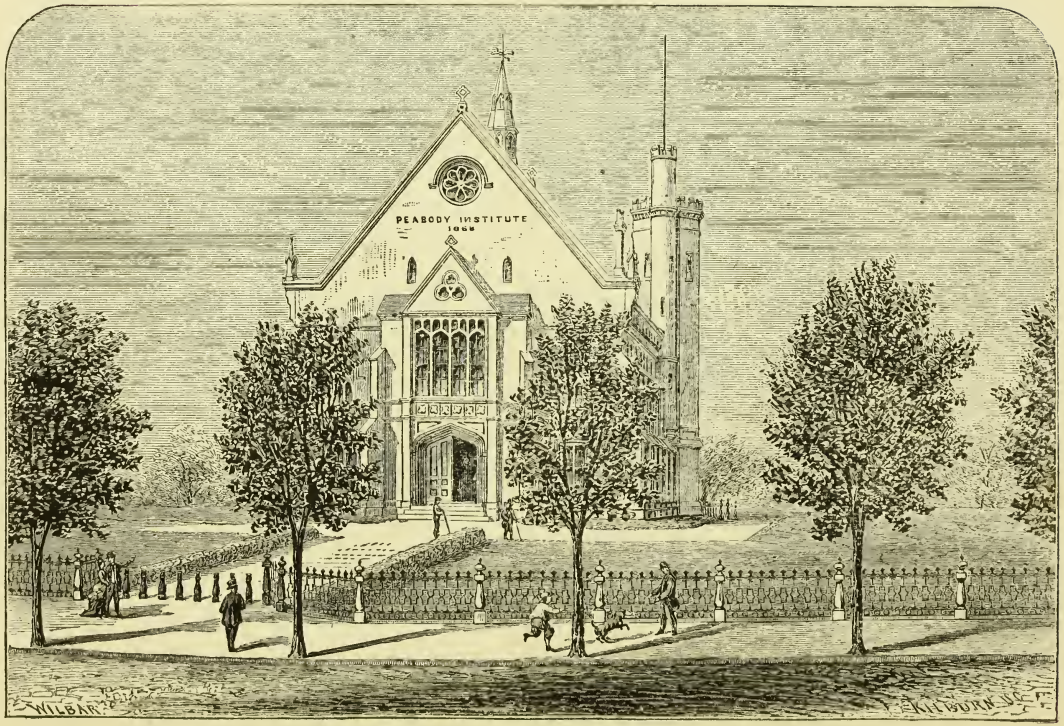
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TRUSTEES OF PEABODY INSTITUTE,

DANVERS.

CHARLES P. PRESTON, FRANCIS PEABODY,
DANIEL RICHARDS, JOSHUA SILVESTER,
I. H. PUTNAM, ISRAEL W. ANDREWS,
SAMUEL P. FOWLER, W. W. EATON,
EZRA D. HINES.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

President—CHARLES P. PRESTON.

Treasurer—FRANCIS PEABODY.

Clerk—EZRA D. HINES.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance, I. H. PUTNAM, DANIEL RICHARDS, JOSHUA SILVESTER.

On Buildings, JOSHUA SILVESTER, SAMUEL P. FOWLER, DANIEL RICHARDS, CHARLES P. PRESTON.

Lyceum, DANIEL RICHARDS, W. W. EATON, CHARLES P. PRESTON.

Library, SAMUEL P. FOWLER, W. W. EATON, I. H. PUTNAM, DANIEL RICHARDS, ISRAEL W. ANDREWS, A. S. HOWARD, AUGUSTUS MUDGE, HENRY FOWLER, W. E. C. WRIGHT. *From the Town.*

Auditing, CHARLES P. PRESTON, I. H. PUTNAM, DANIEL RICHARDS.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE,

Dr. *Cash.*

1879.			
March	31.	To Balance of account this date,	$1,056.47
April	11.	To received 3 mos. int. on $20,000 U. S. 4 per cent Bonds,	200.00
"	30.	To received from Town of Danvers, 6 mos. int. on $7,000 at 6 per cent,	210.00
June	22.	To rec'd from E. G. Byam, 6 mos. int. at 6 per cent, on $15.000 mort. note, due 21st,	450.00
July	3.	To received 3 mos. int. on $20,000 U. S. 4 per cent Bonds,	200.00
"	10.	To received from L. M. Hyde, Treas. Ladies' Centennial Association, (by check No. 3545 on the Fidelity Ins. Trust and Safe Deposit Co., of Phila.,) as a donation from the final assets of the Centennial Board of Finance,	2.35
Oct.	1.	To received 3 mos. int. on $20,000 U. S. 4 per cent Bonds,	200.00
"	1.	To received from Town of Danvers, 6 mos. int. to date on $7,000 at 6 per cent,	210.00
Nov.	19.	To received 6 mos. int. to July 1st, on $23,000 Mass. Coast Defense Bonds at 5 per ct.,	575.00
Dec.	19.	To rec'd from E. G. Byam, 6 mos. int. at 6 per cent on $15,000 mort. note, due 21st,	450.00
Dec.	30.	To received 3 mos. int. on $20,000 U. S. 4 per cent Bonds,	200.00
1880.			
March	27.	To received 6 mos. int. to Jan. 1st, on $23,000 Mass. Coast Defense Bonds at 5 per ct.,	575.00
"	27.	To received int. on Scrip Boylston Mutual Insurance Co.,	3.00
"	31.	To received from Wm. L. Weston, Treas'r, refund of cash advanced for the conversion August 5th, of the Holten High School Medal Fund,	4.42
"	31.	To received interest on deposits,	32.90
"	31.	To received 3 mos. int. on $20,000 U. S. 4 per cent Bonds (due 1st April),	200.00
			$4,569.14

To balance brought forward, $2358.68

FRANCIS PEABODY, *Treasurer.*

DANVERS, March 31st, 1880.

OF DANVERS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 1880.

Cash. *Cr.*

1879.					
April	11.	By paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman, &c.,			$300.00
"	30.	" " "			400.00
July	2.	" " "			350.00
Aug.	4.	" I. H. Putnam, Chairman Printing Committee,			40.00
"	5.	" on account of transfer of securities of the Holten High School Medal Fund, viz. :—			
		Bought $2,000 U. S. 4 per cent coupon Bonds at $1.02,		$2,040.00	
		payment made by $2,000 U. S. 10-40 Bonds of the U. S. Government, (called 18th July) at par	$2,000		
		accrued int. to 18th July	$38.08		
		less ½ pr ct. commission	2.50	35.58	$2,035.58
		cash advanced to balance (to be repaid from interest earned by Fund),			4.42
"	8.	" S. P. Fowler, Chairman, &c.,			250.00
Sept.	2.	" Washington F. & M. Ins. Co. $3000 insurance on books, furniture & pictures, to 4th Sept. '82,			45.00
Oct.	1.	" S. P. Fowler, Chairman, &c.,			250.00
"	16.	" E. D. Hines, Chairman Lyceum Committee,			250.00
Dec.	16.	" S. P. Fowler, Chairman, &c.,			250.00
"	27.	" H. S. Bean, book-keeper,			50.00
1880.					
Jan.	29.	" Fire insurance on piano to 9th Jan., 1885,			10.00
Feb.	19.	" E. D. Hines, Chairman Lyceum Committee,			10.00
March	31.	" Postage and check stamps,			1.04
"	31.	Balance to new account,	cash $7.84 bank 2350.84		2,358.68
					$4,569.14

Memo.—The Income from the Holten High School Medal Fund, has been delivered to Wm. L. Weston, Treasurer, for the purposes of the Fund.

Statement of the Permanent Funds of the Peabody Institute.

Library Fund.

Amount of Fund March 31, 1879,		$48,160.34	
Transferred from Reserve Fund per vote of Com.,		1,839.66	$50,000.00
Interest accrued and credited to Fund,			2,575.35
			52,575.35
Expended during the year by the			
Library Committee,	$995.66		
Committee on Buildings, (net)	783.65		
Lyceum Committee,	274.82		
Committee on Printing,	62.25		
Treasurer,	106.04		2,222.42
			$50,352.93

Reserve Fund.

Amount of Fund, March 31, 1879,		$17,883.88	
Transferred to Library Fund,		1,839.66	
		16,044.22	
Interest accrued and credited to Fund,		932.90	16,977.12
Total amount of Fund, March 31, 1880,			$67,330.05

Invested as Follows:—

Loan to Town of Danvers,		$7,000.00	
$23,000 Mass. Coast Defense Bonds, appraised at		22,948.25	
Loan on Mortgages,		15,000.00	
$20,000 U. S. 4 per cent Bonds, costing		19,950.00	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	2,358.68		
" " Library Committee,	4.34		
" " Committee on Buildings,	72.62		
" " Lyceum Committee,	4.58		
" " Building Committee,	1.00		
	2,441.22		
Less due Committee on Printing,	9.42	2,431.80	$67,330.05

FRANCIS PEABODY, *Treasurer.*

Danvers, March 31st, 1880.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS.

The Committee on Buildings submit the following report:—

1879.			Cr.		
April	1.	By cash from last account,		$56.27	
"	1.	"	Use of Hall, concerts, &c.,	56.00	
"	1.	"	Treasurer at various times,	800.00	$912.27

1879.		Bills No.		
March	29.	1.	W. J. Knowlton, stuffing birds,	4.00
April	18.	2.	Danvers Water Board,	25.00
"	18.	3.	Eastern Railroad, freight,	1.02
"	18.	4.	Whittemore Bros., fertilizer,	20.00
May	20.	5.	Thomas Barnett, painting,	9.18
"	31.	6.	Hovey & Co., flower seeds,	1.25
June	30.	7.	John Russell, work in park,	18.75
"	30.	8.	J. F. Porter, labor on carpet,	1.00
July	1.	9.	Joshua Silvester, labor in park,	74.25
"	10.	10.	M. H. Barry, labor in park,	92.81
"	10.	11.	Newhall & Marston, expressing,	3.15
"	18.	12.	Mrs. L. P. Weston, bedding plants,	4.00
"	18.	13.	Batchelder & Co., coal,	95.00
"	31.	14.	Mrs. Mary Murray, cleaning building,	7.50
Sept.	15.	15.	Daniel Richards & Son, garden tools,	9.93
"	15.	16.	John Russell, labor in park,	19.25
"	15.	17.	Perkins & Bradstreet, soap,	1.13
"	15.	18.	A. Sumner Howard, janitor,	26.00
Oct.	1.	19.	Danvers Gas Light Company,	46.90
"	13.	20.	J. E. Ropes & Co., furnace rod, funnel,	3.20
"	27.	21.	John Russell, work in park,	10.00
"	29.	22.	Charles F. Curwen, iron fence,	6.18
"	30.	23.	Joshua Silvester, labor in park,	25.00
Dec.	6.	24.	George S. Perry, wood furnished,	3.50
"	16.	25.	M. Barry, Jr., work in park,	141.87
1880.				
Jan.	1.	26.	Benj. E. Newhall, oil, lead and paint,	1.65
"	21.	27.	Joshua Silvester, work in park,	35.75
"	22.	28.	S. P. Fowler, cash paid for shrubs, trees and plants, carpenter work, cleaning building, &c.,	38.06
March	11.	29.	Batchelder & Co., wood furnished,	7.50
"	28.	30.	Danvers Gas Light Company,	85.20
"	31.	31.	J. E. Ropes & Co., furnace grate,	10.64
"	31.	32.	Hallett & Cumston, tuning piano,	4.10

March 31.	33.	D. Richards & Son, garden tools,	$4.88	
" 31.	34.	D. Richards & Son, cash paid sawing and splitting wood,	2.00	$839.65
		In hands of Committee, balance due,		72.62
				$912.27

For the Committee,

SAMUEL P. FOWLER.

DANVERS, March 31, 1880.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

For the year ending March 31st, 1880.

It is gratifying to mark the growing appreciation of the Library as shown by the increasing use of its privileges. The Librarian's report records the addition of 180 names to the list of readers in the year past. The number of books drawn has been larger than in any previous year in the history of the Library, having risen from 18,000 last year to 22,000 in the year just closed. This increase of more than 20 per cent in books drawn cannot be accounted for by the growth of the town. The cause is partly to be found in the interest excited in various subjects by the Debating Societies and Literature Clubs and History Classes that have sprung up in the town in recent months. The encouragement of such studies is one of the most important services the Library renders the town. Doubt is often expressed concerning the real value of much of the reading of the present day. But no one can doubt the worth of the reading done by young men who come to the Library to ask for books that will help them in debate on the Tariff, or the Currency, or other like questions of practical, or philosophical importance. So during the last year others have come inquiring for all the works of particular authors they were studying in connection with a Literature Club; or have asked to see all the books on our shelves relating to some period of history, in order to select a half-score of volumes for a Class who were reading together on that period. Such use of the Library will become far easier and more attractive when the new Catalogue is ready next September.

It is to be hoped that from time to time Clubs or Classes will take up still other subjects like Geology, Pre-historic Man, Political Economy, Mental and Moral Philosophy and the like. A large demand for the best books on some of these subjects might make necessary the purchase of many new volumes in some departments. But nothing could be more beneficial to the community, or more satisfactory to whoever is charged

with the purchase of books than to have the call for weighty and important books so great that their proportion in our alcoves must be largely increased.

The character of our Library is now on the whole more solid than the average of similar institutions, though some show a still smaller proportion of Fiction. The following table gives the percentage of our books in each of the great classes under which the contents of a library may conveniently be arranged :—

1.	Fiction,	19	per cent.
2.	History,	13½	"
3.	Biography,	12½	"
4.	Miscellaneous, including Essays and Magazines, etc.,	12	"
5.	Geography and Travel,	9½	"
6.	Natural Science,	9	"
7.	Arts and Trades, including Patent Office Reports,	6½	"
8.	Party and Drama,	5¾	"
9.	Theology and Religion, including Sermons,	5½	"
10.	Society, including Law, Political Economy, etc.,	4¾	"
11.	Philosophy,	2	"

The percentage of fiction certainly seems larger than is desirable, as that under the 10th and 11th heads is as evidently too small. So great, however, is the call for story books that the Library Committee are constantly under a strong outside pressure to still further enlarge the disproportionate size of that department. The 250 additions of the year just closed contained over 20 per cent of Fiction, with only 2 per cent of Society, and but a single volume of Philosophy. For the two last years the additions show a still larger proportion of Fiction—over 26 per cent—to 11½ of History, 3½ of Theology, 5 of Society and less than 1 per cent of Philosophy. It has been the constant endeavor of the Committee to admit only the better class of Fiction to our shelves, and that endeavor, we think, has been for the most part successful. Suggestions in regard to books wished for are always welcome, and are followed as far as means and the proper balance of different departments of literature will allow. Every one who asks for the purchase of a book of the solider sort, and every one who reads such a book when purchased is giving important help in raising the standard of reading in the town.

More than thirty-five volumes, worn out with use have been replaced with new copies the past year. These include complete sets of the Rollo Books and Rollo's Travels so much delighted in by boys; and seven volumes of Harper's Magazines, our set of which is now complete from December, 1861. Twenty-three years of use has nearly worn out the set of Walter Scott's prose, and an English edition, presented some years ago by Mr. Peabody but hitherto stored, will now be put into circulation. In the year, 204 volumes have been re-bound. Such extensive renewals

and repairs seriously lessen the sum for new books. The kinds that suffer most are books of Fiction and Travel, and especially boys' books. Some of our younger readers are not as careful of the books as they ought to be. When the afternoon of Library Day is stormy many of the books come in very much marred and injured by the wet. This ought not to be. It is evident, too, that books are often read with soiled hands and even roughly used. If parents will watch over their children's use of Library books, and older readers always be as careful of the property of the public as of their own, much might be saved annually in binding, to be spent in new books. Attention ought also frequently to be called to the last paragraph of the abbreviated regulations as pasted on the cover of every volume. It may also be suggested in this connection that readers will greatly consult their own convenience by coming to the Library on Wednesday instead of Saturday when that is possible. So many more books are now asked for on Saturdays that a great deal of delay is unavoidable on that day, while on Wednesdays there are seldom so many present at any one time as to occasion waiting for one another.

In response to the request made last year for contributions to the Local and Natural History of Danvers, the Library has received from Mrs. Jonas Fiske a valuable collection of sermons by Dr. Wadsworth of the First Parish. It is to be hoped that many similar contributions will be made from time to time, till the Library becomes a repository of all the existing material for a complete history of the town. The Library may thus be not only an occasion of just pride and a source of elevating pleasure for all our citizens, but become year by year a more valuable quarry from which the antiquarian and historian can successfully reconstruct the life of past generations on this famous ground, and the moralist bring forth the lessons of experience for the instruction of each succeeding generation.

For the Committee,

WALTER E. C. WRIGHT.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

To the Library Committee of Peabody Institute.

Gentlemen :—I submit the following report of the condition and operation of the Library for the year ending March 1st, 1880 :—

The whole number of books now on the accession Catalogue is	9137
Of this number there have been added the past year,	260

Our acknowledgments are due to the Peabody Museum for its Annual Report; to the Department of the Interior for the Report of the Commissioner of Patents; to the Mercantile Library Association of N. Y. for its Annual Report; to Dr. Geo. B. Loring for Congressional Record, Vol.

8th, parts 1, 2 & 3, with index; to the Treasury Department and the Bureau of Education for their Annual Reports; to the Directors of the Mint for their Reports from 1873 to 1879, save that for 1874; and to the Union League Club of N. Y., for its History from 1863 to 1879. These are yet uncatalogued.

Books delivered during the year,	22,113
More than the preceding year,	3,766
Average per week during the time Library was open,	461

On the nineteenth of the present month our Record was examined and books were found charged to 907 different individuals.

Number delivered Saturday the 24th inst.,	363
" of books bound,	15
" " re-bound,	204

It was the remark of one Librarian, that to books in a circulating Library, the binder is as necessary as the joiner to a building. The remark is too true; the wear and tear requiring continued reparation.

Borrowers' names added,	180
Amount of fines collected,	$22.99

Of the five books missing in August, one has been returned, and one loaned by the taker and lost has been paid for; the others are still missing.

Respectfully submitted,

A. SUMNER HOWARD, *Librarian.*

DANVERS, March 30th, 1880.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Library Committee would submit the following report:—

1879.			CR.	
			By cash from Treasurer at various times,	$1,000.00
1879.		BILLS NO.	DR.	
April	12.	1.	A. S. Howard and assistants,	$110.17
May	13.	2.	Estes & Lauriat, books furnished,	107.20
"	27.	3.	Jonathan Perley, binding books,	46.65
July	18.	4.	A. S. Howard and assistants,	112.65
"	19.	5.	Henry P. Ives, books furnished,	5.50
Aug.	1.	6.	Amos K. Allstine, binding books,	18.95
Oct.	1.	7.	A. S. Howard and assistants,	114.02
"	8.	8.	Marston & Co., expressing,	4.15
"	29.	9.	Jonathan Perley, binding books,	25.50
Dec.	1.	10.	E. H. Hames & Co., Literary World,	2.00
"	1.	11.	Estes & Lauriat, books furnished,	113.79

Dec.	12.	12.	A. P. Berry & Co., periodicals furnished,	$18.00	
"	12.	13.	J. E. Ropes & Co., book holders,	5.50	
1880.					
Jan.	5.	14.	A. S. Howard and assistants,	109.91	
Feb.	2.	15.	Estes & Lauriat, books furnished,	3.05	
March	24.	16.	Walter E. C. Wright, books furnished,	6.70	
"	25.	17.	S. P. Fowler, books furnished, labels, &c.,	43.97	
"	25.	18.	Estes & Lauriat, books furnished,	78.35	
"	25.	19.	Amos K. Allstine, binding books,	43.20	
"	25.	20.	R. D. Bates, periodicals and reviews,	26.40	
					$995.66
			Balance due from Committee,		4.34
					$1,000.00

AUGUSTUS MUDGE, *Chairman.*

DANVERS, March 30, 1880.

REPORT OF LYCEUM COMMITTEE OF PEABODY INSTITUTE FOR 1879-80.

1879.		CR.		
Oct.	18.	Received from Treasurer,		$250.00
Nov.	1.	" " W. W. Eaton, (balance over from last year)		19.40
1880.				
Feb.	19.	" " Treasurer,		10.00
				$279.40
1879.		DR.		
Oct.	15.	Paid Rev. G. T. Flanders,	(Lecture)	$30.00
"	29.	" A. F. Lewis,	(")	20.00
Nov.	12.	" Park Quartette & Co.,	(Concert)	56.60
"	26.	" C. P. Searle,	(Lecture)	20.00
Dec.	4.	" Wm. H. Sayward,	(Readings, &c.)	30.00
"	10.	" Rev. E. C. Bolles,	(Lecture)	30.00
"	31.	" A. M. Gustin,	(Readings)	10.00
1880.				
Jan.	14.	" E. S. Morse,	(Lecture)	30.00
1879.				
Oct.	8.	" Police,		15.00
Nov.	1.	" Distributing of programmes,		3.50

Nov.	11.	Paid Savory's express,	$ .25
"	12.	" A. B. Woodis, (hacking)	3.00
"	12.	" A. Magoun, (entertainment Park Quartette & Co.)	8.75
Dec.	31.	" Daniel Potter, (Dep. Sheriff)	2.11
"	31.	" Chas. W. Morrill, (")	2.11
1880.			
Feb.	1.	" M. Barry, (care of horses, &c.)	3.50
"	6.	" J. W. Barnard, (pianist)	6.00
April	1.	" A. B. Woodis, (hacking)	4.00
			$274.82
		Balance, (cash on hand)	4.58
			$279.40

For the Committee,

EZRA D. HINES, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

		Balance in bank,	$12.83	
		Received from Treasurer,	40.00	
1879.				$52.83
Aug.	4.	Paid C. H. Shepard & Co., (Library acct.)	30.00	
1880.				
April	2.	" " " (")	14.75	
"	2.	" " " (Lecture acct.)	17.50	62.25
		Balance due the Committee,		$9.42

For the Committee,

I. H. PUTNAM.

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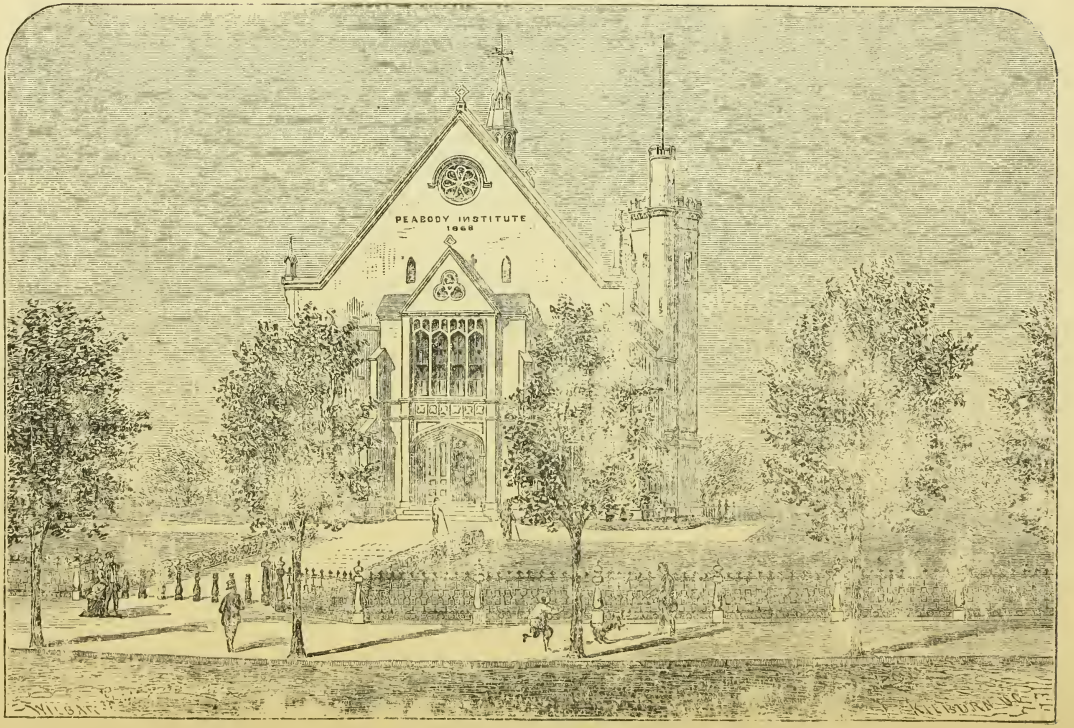
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Lyceum.

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Library.

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ISRAEL H. PUTNAM, HENRY FOWLER,
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Librarian.

Miss LIZZIE M. HOWARD.

Janitor.

JOHN F. PUTNAM.

Dr. THE PEABODY INSTITUTE OF DANVERS IN

1882.				
April	5	To paid W. L. Weston for H. H. S. Medal Fund		$20.00
	7	S. P. Fowler, for Library committee		500.00
May	26	H. A. Perkins, for repairs to building in consequence of fire April 15th, 1882		620.00
July	8	To paid S. P. Fowler, for Building committee		421.56
	8	" for extra watching at time of fire and for glazing		128.44
	8	To paid W. L. Weston, for H. H. S. Medal Fund		20.00
	12	I. H. Putnam, for Printing committee		50.00
Aug.	22	S. P. Fowler, for Library committee		200.00
	28	D. Richards, for extraordinary repairs on the building		833.56
Sept.	14	To paid S. P. Fowler, for Building committee		150.00
	18	Washington Fire & Marine Ins. Co., for $3000 insurance on books, furniture and pictures to Sept. 4th, 1885		37.50
Oct.	2	To paid W. L. Weston, for H. H. S. Medal Fund		20.00
Nov.	6	I. W. Andrews, for Lyceum committee		250.00
	21	S. P. Fowler, for Building committee		175.00
Dec.	13	" "	$83.95	
	13	" for Library committee	116.05	
				200.00
1883.				
Jan.	1	W. L. Weston, for H. H. S. Medal Fund		20.00
Feb.	14	S. P. Fowler, for Building committee		200.00
March	21	I. H. Putnam, for Printing committee		34.35
	21	H. S. Bean, book-keeper		50.00
	21	For stamps		.05
	31	Balance on hand		2,709.70
				$6,640.16

The Committee appointed to examine and report upon the accounts of the Treasurer, hereby certify that they are correct to April, 1883.

CHARLES P. PRESTON,
DANIEL RICHARDS,
ISRAEL H. PUTNAM, } *Committee.*

DANVERS, March 31, 1883.

ACCOUNT WITH FRANCIS PEABODY, TREASURER. *Cr.*

1882.				
March	31	By balance of account this date		$1,995.77
April	3	By received 3 mos. int. on $20,000 U. S. 4 per cent Bonds		200.00
	3	By received 3 mos. int. on $2,000 U. S. 4 per cent Bonds for H. H. S. Medal Fund		20.00
	7	By received from Town of Danvers 6 mos. int. on $7,000 loan at 6 per cent		210.00
	19	By received from Building com. bal. of acct.		1.00
May	26	In full for loss by fire of April 15, 1882, from the Mercantile Marine Ins. Co.	140.91	
		from the American Ins. Co.	169.09	
		from the Washington F. & M. Ins. Co.	140.91	
		from the Boylston Mutual Ins. Co.	169.09	620.00
July	5	By received 3 mos. int. on $20,000 U. S. 4 per cent Bonds	200.00	
		and on $2,000 do. as above	20.00	220.00
	5	By received from E. G. Byam 6 mos. int. on $15,000 mort. note at 6 per ct. to July 21		450.00
Sept.	6	By received 6 mos. int. on $23,000 Mass. Coast Defense Bonds to July 1st at 5 per cent		575.00
Oct.	2	By received 3 mos. int. on $20,000 U. S. 4 per cent Bonds	200.00	
		and on $2,000 do. as above	20.00	220.00
Nov.	6	By received from Boylston Mutual Ins. Co. int. on $50 scrip for 1881 and 1882		6.00
	6	By received from Town of Danvers 6 mos. int. on $7,000 loan at 6 per cent		210.00
Dec.	21	By received from E. G. Byam 6 mos. int. to date on $15,000 mortgage note		450.00
1883.				
Jan.	1	By received 3 mos. int. on $20,000 U. S. 4 per cent Bonds	200.00	
		and on $2,000 do. as above	20.00	220.00
March	23	By received 6 mos. int. on $23,000 Mass. Coast Defense Bonds to Jan. 1st at 5 per cent		575 00
	30	By received from Daniel Richards of com. on Buildings, net income from use of Hall for the year 1881-2, being part of balance of said committee's acct. for last year	191.98	
		and for 1882-3 for special acct.	28.54	220.52
	30	By received interest on deposits		56.80
	31	From I. W. Andrews unexpended balance from Lyceum committee		33.08
	31	By received from S. P. Fowler do. from Building committee		352.71
	31	By received from do., do. from Library com.		4.28
				$6,640.16
1883.				
March	31	By balance brought down	$2,709.70	
E. E.				

FRANCIS PEABODY, *Treasurer.*

Statement of the Permanent Funds of the Peabody Institute.

Library Fund.

Amount of Fund March 31, 1882		$48,498.67	
Transferred by vote from Reserve Fund		1,501.33	
			$50,000.00
Interest accrued and credited to Fund			2,370 00
			52,370.00
Expended during the year by the			
Library Committee		812.95	
Committee on Buildings	$929.73		
Less received for use of Hall	28.54		
		901.19	
Committee on Printing		84.35	
Lyceum Committee		248.00	
Treasurer		1,049.55	
			3,096.04
			$49,273.96

Reserve Fund.

Amount of Fund, March 31, 1882	$18,872.52	
Transferred to Library Fund	1,501.33	
	17,371.19	
Interest accrued and credited to Fund	962.80	
		18,333.99
Total Funds		$67,607.95

Invested as follows:—

Loan to Town of Danvers	$7,000.00
$23,000 Mass. Coast Defense Bonds	22,948.25
Loan on mortgage	15,000.00
$20,000 United States 4 per cent Bonds	19,950.00
Cash in Treasurer's hands	2,709.70
	$67,607.95

E. E.

FRANCIS PEABODY, *Treasurer.*

Danvers, March 31, 1883.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

To the Trustees of the Peabody Institute :—

The committee of the Peabody Library, in presenting their annual report take pleasure in noting its favorable condition, and the great value which is placed upon it by so numerous a class of our citizens. The additions of new volumes from time to time during the year enables our patrons to keep fairly abreast of the current literature of the day. If more money was at our disposal a wider range of books could be procured.

We are pleased to believe that this library is an efficient agency in promoting the better education and culture of our people; and, while with pleasure we call your attention to the librarian's report in regard to the number of volumes taken out during the year, we could wish that others of our citizens, of our young men and women, would spend their leisure hours in storing their minds with such knowledge as these volumes offer them, rather than in listless inactivity or in pursuits positively harmful.

The fire which came so near destroying the Institute building with all its contents, did no serious damage to the books, but the repairs on the library room rendered necessary the closing of the library for seven weeks. Upon its reopening a change was made in the librarian, and the position so long and so faithfully filled by A. Sumner Howard was accepted by Miss Lizzie M. Howard, assisted by Miss Alice E. Tufts. Miss Howard having been connected with the library for fifteen years was so familiar with the details that no interruption occurred by this change.

Your committee were sorry to lose the valuable services of the Rev. W. E. C. Wright, which was rendered necessary by his removal to a distant State. His literary tastes and familiar acquaintance with books upon a wide range of subjects, rendered his assistance of peculiar value.

The catalogues which were printed in 1880 continue to be appreciated by all patrons of the library, but the additions since made cannot be so satisfactorily arranged. Thus far bulletins have been issued from time to time, and the third one is now in prepa-

ration, containing all additions to the present date. It is the purpose to print a sufficient number to supply all who may desire a copy.

Through the favor of the Hon. Eben F. Stone, the member of Congress from this district, this library is placed upon the list of those that are entitled to receive the public documents of the several departments of the General Government, the number in each representative district being limited to eight. Interesting maps of the war of the rebellion have been received, and mounted for preservation and more convenient use. They indicate the positions which the opposing forces occupied on the various battlefields, and on successive days of continued struggles. They must be of peculiar interest to such of our citizens as nobly bore a part in that great contest.

It is a question of importance to decide in what way this library can be managed so as to be most useful to our people. Among the plans considered by the committee from time to time, two seem most to deserve attention. One is to have the library opened more days in the week, and the other to arrange some suitable place for persons to read or consult books and periodicals in quietness. It is thought that both these objects can be attained without greatly increased cost. Few libraries of the size of ours, and with so large a population, that do not adopt some such plan. It should however be said, as being an objection to adopting the reading room feature, that several of our villages are too remote from the library room to admit of their enjoying its advantages under the most favorable circumstances. Whatever may be the obstacles in the way, it may not be amiss to consider with care any changes that may be in the line of helpfulness, and adopt them if it shall seem wise and best. It is believed that in no way can the benefits of this library be more widely diffused, than by adopting some such plan as is here suggested.

Our citizens may justly point with pride and pleasure to this timely gift of our illustrious benefactor, and recount the blessings which will continue to flow from this fountain of knowledge. Amid the conflicts of opinion and opposing interests which will arise from time to time, we need the harmonizing influences which come from

a general diffusion of knowledge such as public libraries serve to impart. We can conceive of no way in which a greater boon could have been conferred upon our town. It remains for us to shape its course in the line of its greatest usefulness, and to awaken our citizens to the great privilege which it is theirs to enjoy.

AUGUSTUS MUDGE, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

To the Library Committee of Peabody Institute :—

The annual report of the Librarian for the year ending March 31st, 1883, is herewith submitted :

Present number of books in the Library is 10,436, an increase since last year's report of 306. Of this number 28 were gifts, and acknowledgments are due as follows :

To Henry B. Pierce, Acts and Resolves, Province of Massachusetts Bay, 4 vols. Col. E. F. Stone, "War of the Rebellion, official record," 4 vols. ; "Messages and Documents," 6 vols. ; "Report of Director of Mint ;" "First annual report Bureau of Ethnology ;" "Compendium of Tenth Census ;" "Memorial addresses on Life and Character of A. E. Burnside and of Matthew H. Carpenter." George M. Wheeler, "U. S. Geographical Surveys." Wm. D. Northend, "Granite Monthly," bound. Richard Everett, book entitled "Is Consumption Contagious ?" Miss Anne Page, "Religion and Philosophy of Swedenborg." Deacon S. P. Fowler, "Herald of Health," presented in pamphlet. Unknown friend, "Jethro Wood." Peabody Academy of Science, 1 vol. Fall River and Woburn Public Libraries, Catalogues.

Number of books delivered, 19,183. Relative percentage : Fiction .69 ; Biography and History .08 ; Miscellaneous .07 ; Art and Science .06 ; Voyages and Travels .05 ; Poetry and Drama .03 ; Religion and Theology .02. Receipts from fines and catalogues, $52.28. Cards held for non-payment, 17. Amount due, $1.80.

74 books have been rebound; 38 are now at the binder's, and nearly as many more are in need of new covers. Of the volumes most in demand, many are very imperfect from loss of leaves, generally at the beginning or end of the book. Some of them have been so many times rebound that the whole margins have disappeared. The accidental circumstance of the state of the weather on library days has much to do with the condition of the books, one stormy day doing a great deal for their injury.

Respectfully submitted,

LIZZIE M. HOWARD, *Librarian.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Library Committee would submit the following report:

1882.	Cr.	
	Balance from last year	$1.18
	By cash received from Treasurer	816.05
	" " loss of book	1.15
	" " binding book	1.95
		$820.33

1882.	Bills no.		Dr.	
April	1	1.	A. S. Howard, librarian and cash paid assistants	$114.90
June	1	2.	A. S. Howard, services and cash paid	19.97
	10	3.	A. A. Frost and C. D. Richards, library assistants	2.55
	10	4.	School Furnishing Company, cards	1.75
	12	5.	Henry C. Nash, books furnished	5.50
July	1	6.	C. D. Richards, assistant	1.85
Aug.	23	7.	Estes & Lauriat, books furnished	134.75
	23	8.	Jonathan Perley, binding books	45.60
Sept.	9	9.	S. P. Fowler, books furnished	17.25
	9	10.	Lizzie M. Howard, librarian	62.22
	9	11.	E. H. Hames & Co., Literary World	2.00

Sept.	9	12.	C. D. Richards, assistant	$1.85
	9	13.	A. A. Frost, assistant	1.10
Nov.	16	14.	Essex Institute, Historical Collections	6.75
	16	15.	Estes & Lauriat, books furnished	42.09
	16	16.	" "	30.95
	16	17.	" "	8.00
Dec.	2	18.	A. A. Frost, assistant	1.60
	2	19.	C. D. Richards, assistant	1.75
	2	20.	Alice Tufts, assistant librarian	25.48
	2	21.	Lizzie M. Howard, librarian	61.54
	16	22.	Jonathan Perley, binding books	19.35
	16	23.	A. A. Frost, assistant	1.85
	16	24.	George Carleton, expressing books	1.15
	16	25.	C. D. Richards, assistant	1.75
1883.				
Feb.	8	26.	Jonathan Perley, binding books	25.15
	8	27.	Williams & Co., books furnished	37.38
	8	28.	Estes & Lauriat, "	41.57
	8	29.	R. D. Bates, periodicals furnished	27.70
	8	30.	A. A. Frost, assistant	1.60
	25	31.	Alice Tufts, assistant librarian	12.50
Mar.	26	32.	Lizzie M. Howard, librarian	56.60
				$816.05
			Balance returned to Treasurer	4.28
				$820.33

AUGUSTUS MUDGE, *Chairman.*

DANVERS, March 31, 1883.

REPORT OF LYCEUM COMMITTEE.

1882.	Cr.	
By appropriation		$250.00
In hands of Committee last season		31.08
		$281.08

1882.	Dr.	
H. C. Dame, lecture		$30.00
R. C. Conwell, lecture		35.00
J. E. Russell, lecture		25.00
C. E. Hale, reading, etc.		40.00
W. D. P. Bliss, lecture		50.00
Lucy Stone, lecture		10.00
C. B. Rice, lecture		15.00
Warren Goodale, posting bills, etc.		4.00
I. W. Andrews, incidentals		10.00
L. A. Darling, pianist		14.00
D. Pettingill, police		7.00
D. W. Regan, police		8.00
		$248.00
Balance returned to Treasurer		33.08
		$281.08

For the Committee,

ISRAEL W. ANDREWS.

Danvers, March 30, 1883.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS.

The Committee on Buildings submit the following report:—

1882.	Cr.		
By cash from Treasurer			$1030.51
" last account		$443.91	
Less in hands of D. Richards, sub-committee, since paid to Treasurer		191.98	
			251.93
By cash from Henry A. Perkins			8.50
" W. W. Eaton			6.00
			$1296.94

1882.	BILLS	NO.	DR.	
April	1	1.	Putnam & Co., plants	$2.15
June	1	2.	James P. Barry, work in park	44.37
	24	3.	Danvers Water Works	25.00
July	4	4.	S. P. Fowler, seeds, bulbs and plants	16.27
	18	5.	C. P. Perkins & Co., lead pipe, labor on furnace, gutters, etc.	15.55
	18	6.	Putnam & Brothers, bedding plants	22.89
	18	7.	J. F. Putnam, janitor	41.60
	18	8.	E. & C Woodman, plants	8.43
Aug.	9	9.	C. E. Berry, work in March, 1881	9.80
	9	10.	J. F. Putnam, janitor	41.60
	29	11.	Newhall & Marston, expressing	7.05
Sept.	1	12.	Gas Light Company	40.60
	25	13.	J. F. Putnam, janitor	41.60
	25	14.	Daniel Richards & Son, phosphate, lawn mower, tools for Institute grounds, etc.	72.94
Oct.	1	15.	S. P. Fowler, Holland bulbs and plants	30.75
	1	16.	M. Peade, salt hay for covering plants	7.42
	11	17.	J. F. Putnam, janitor	41.60
	27	18.	Joshua Silvester, labor in park	30.80
	27	19.	West & Oakes, materials and labor on busts	15.25
Nov.	8	20.	J. F. Putnam, janitor	41.65
	23	21.	Batchelder & Co., coal	91.00
	29	22.	A. F. Killam, work on taxidermy	2.00
Dec.	2	23.	J. F. Putnam, janitor	41.65
	15	24.	Gas Light Company	23.10
	31	25.	H. H. Pillsbury, two dozen washers and horse hire	3.00
1883.				
Jan.	2	26.	J. F. Putnam, janitor	41.65

Feb.	3	27. J. F. Putnam, janitor	41.65
March	8	28. " "	41.65
	26	29. Gas Light Company	50.40
	26	30. Newhall & Marston's express	7.31
	26	31. Batchelder & Co., coal	43.50
			$944.23
		Balance returned to Treasurer	352.71
			$1296.94

For the Committee,

SAMUEL P. FOWLER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

1882.	Cr.	
July 13	By cash received of Treasurer	$50.00
1883.		
Mar. 21	" "	34.35
		$84.35
1882.	Dr.	
July 13	Paid C. H. Shepard & Co., annual report, &c.	$43.10
1883.		
Mar. 21	" library account	27.25
21	" lecture "	14.00
		$84.35

For the Committee,

I. H. PUTNAM.

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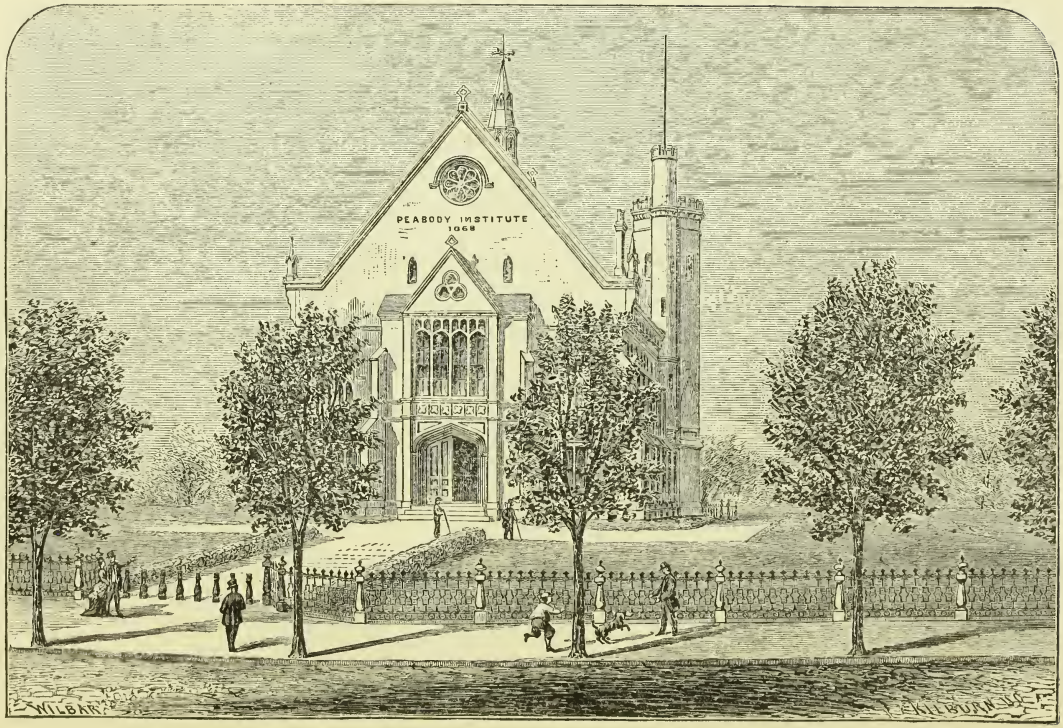
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ANNUAL REPORT

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THE TRUSTEES

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Peabody Institute,

Danvers, Mass.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1884.

DANVERS:
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Dr. THE PEABODY INSTITUTE OF DANVERS IN

1883.				
April	1	To paid Treasurer Town of Danvers for the H. H. S. Medal Fund		$20 00
May	2	To paid S. P. Fowler for use of Committees		500 00
June	25	" " "		400 00
	25	Daniel Richards, trustee, for 5 per cent Water Bonds, registered, of the Town of Danvers, due 1906, Nos. 138 to 145 inclusive, interest January and July, $8000 at $114.95		9,196 00
	25	To paid J. C. Rogers, for $8000 Chicago & Western Indiana R. R. 6 per cent Bonds, Nos. 3356 to 3363 inclusive, payable in gold, due Dec. 1, 1932, int. quarterly, (registered) at par	$8,000 00	
		Interest 25 days accrued	33 33	
				8,033 33
July	9	To paid J. C. Rogers for $6,000 Northern Pacific Railroad 6 per cent Bonds, Nos. { 1889 registered $5,000 / 37499 coupon $1,000 } due 1921, interest Jan'y and July at 104½		6,270 00
	10	To paid Treasurer Town of Danvers, for H. H. S. Medal Fund		20 00
	24	To paid I. H. Putnam, for Committee on Printing		50 00
	26	To paid S. P. Fowler, for use of committees		300 00
Sept.	20	" " "		175 00
Oct.	1	Treasurer Town of Danvers for the H. H. S. Medal Fund		20 00
Nov.	15	To paid L. A. Mudge, chairman Lyceum Committee		275 00
	19	To paid Fire insurance three years, to Nov. 15, 1886, $17,000 on building, $5,000 on contents		397 50
Dec.	27	To paid S. P. Fowler, for use of committees		450 00
1884.				
Jan.	4	To paid Treasurer Town of Danvers, for the H. H. S. Medal Fund		20 00
Amount carried forward				$26,126 83

ACCOUNT WITH FRANCIS PEABODY, TREASURER. *Cr.*

1883.			
March	31	By balance of account this date	$2,709 70
April	1	By received 3 mos. int. on $20,000 U. S. 4 per cent Bonds	200 00
	1	By received 3 mos. int. on $2,000 U. S. 4 per cent Bonds for the H. H. S. Medal Fund	20 00
May	2	By received 6 mos. int. from Town of Danvers on $7,000 loan at 6 per cent	210 00
June	25	By received from State of Massachusetts in redemption of $23,000 Mass. Coast Defense Bonds, due 1st July	23,000 00
	25	By received 6 mos. int. at 5 per cent to 1st July on same	575 00
July	1	By received 3 mos. int. on $20,000 U. S. 4 per cent Bonds	200 00
	1	By received 3 mos. int. on $2,000 U. S. 4 per cent Bonds, for the H. H. S. Medal Fund	20 00
	11	By received from E. G. Byam 6 mos. int. on $15,000 mortgage note at 6 per cent to 21st June	450 00
	26	By received Boylston Mut. Ins. Co., 1 year's int. on $50 in scrip. (This scrip reduced 50 per cent by Boylston Mut. Ins. Co. Mar. 1, 1884	3 00
Oct.	1	By received 3 mos. int. on $20,000 U. S. 4 per cent Bonds	200 00
	1	By received 3 mos. int. on $2,000 U. S. 4 per cent Bonds, for the H. H. S. Medal Fund	20 00
Dec.	3	By received 6 mos. int. on $8,000 Chicago & Western Indiana R. R. Bonds, at 6 per cent	240 00
	21	By received from E. G. Byam, 6 mos. int. on $15,000 mortgage note at 6 per cent, to date	450 00
	27	By received 6 mos. int. from town of Danvers on $7,000 loan, at 6 per cent	210 00
1884.			
Jan.	4	By received 3 mos. int. on $20,000 U. S. 4 per cent Bonds	200 00
	4	By received 3 mos. int. on $2,000 U. S. 4 per cent Bonds, for the H. H. S. Medal Fund	20 00
	8	By received 6 mos. int. on $6,000 Northern Pacific 6 per cent Bonds	180 00
Feb.	19	By received 6 mos. int. on $8,000 Danvers Water Bonds to 1st Jan'y, at 5 per cent	200 00
Amount carried forward			$29,107 70

Dr. THE PEABODY INSTITUTE OF DANVERS IN

Amount brought forward			$26,126 83
1884			
Feb.	9	To paid S. P. Fowler, for use of committees in balance* of appropriations	25 00
Mar.	31	To paid I. H. Putnam, for Committee on Printing	17 00
	31	To paid Fire insurance, three years to March 30th, 1887, $5000 on building, $3000 on contents	147 50
	31	To paid H. S. Bean, book-keeping	50 00
	31	Postage and telegrams	1 22
	31	Balance on hand carried forward	2,940 68
			$29,308 23

*Total appropriated and paid S. P. Fowler, $1850. Apportioned by him as follows: Library Committee, $778; Committee on Buildings, $1072.

ACCOUNT WITH FRANCIS PEABODY, TREASURER, *Cr.*

Amount brought forward		$29,107 70
1884.		
March 31	By received interest on deposits	79 47
31	From L. A. Mudge, chairman, amount unexpended by the Lyceum Committee	76 50
31	By received from Daniel Richards, net income from use of Hall during the year	44 56
		$29,308 23

1884.		
March 31	By balance brought down	$2,940.68
E. E.		

FRANCIS PEABODY, *Treasurer.*

The Committee appointed to examine and report upon the accounts of the Treasurer, hereby certify that they are correct to April, 1884.

DANIEL RICHARDS, }
ISRAEL H. PUTNAM, } *Committee.*

DANVERS, March 31, 1884.

Statement of the Permanent Funds of the Peabody Institute.

Library Fund.

Amount of Fund March 31, 1883		$49,273.96	
Transferred by vote from Reserve Fund		726.04	
Gain on Mass. Coast Defense Bonds			
Redeemed at par	$23,000.00		
Appraised at	22,948.25		
		51.75	
			$50,051.75
Interest accrued and credited to Fund			2,381.67
			52,433.42
Expended during the year by the			
Library Committee		778.00	
Committee on Buildings		1,105.71	
Committee on Printing		67.00	
Lyceum Committee		198.50	
Treasurer		596.22	
		2,745.43	
Less received for use of Hall (net)		44.56	
			2,700.87
			$49,732.55

Reserve Fund.

Amount of Fund, March 31, 1883		$18,333.99	
Transferred to Library Fund		726.04	
		17,607.95	
Interest accrued and credited to Fund		982.47	
			18,590.42
Total Funds			$68,322.97

Invested as follows: —

Danvers Loan at 6 per cent		$7,000.00	
Loan on Mortgage at 6 per cent		15,000.00	
$20,000 United States 4 per cent Bonds		19,950.00	
Danvers Water Loan at 5 per cent		8,000.00	
Chicago & Western Indiana R. R. 6 per cent Bonds		8,000.00	
Northern Pacific R. R. 6 per cent Bonds		6,000.00	
Premium on investments in suspense account		1,466.00	
Cash in hands of Treasurer	$2,940.68		
Less due Committee on Buildings	33.71		
		2,906.97	
E. E.			$68,322.97

FRANCIS PEABODY, *Treasurer.*

Danvers, March 31, 1884.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Trustees of the Peabody Institute:—

GENTLEMEN:—The principal feature to be noted in the record of the progress of the Library during the past year, is the gratifying one of the large number of names added to the list of borrowers, the total number being in advance of that of any previous year since the complete establishment of the Library.

There is more in this fact than the increased recognition of the value and privileges of the Library, which appears on the face of it. It is another call for a fuller development of the resources of the Library. Not a few of our townspeople have felt the direction which such improvement should take, to be toward the opening of a reading-room, or some suitable place where readers might consult several books in a short time, or enjoy periodicals in quiet. This sentiment has found voice in late years in each succeeding report of this committee.

How far we fall short in this direction is best shown by the following comparison of our library work and progress, with that of other towns similar to Danvers in the size and character of their population. This method, it is thought, will leave little room for doubt as to the demand for, as well as the value and feasibility of, such an adjunct.

Out of about forty towns in this State, selected as comparing in their number of inhabitants with that of Danvers, the librarians of twenty-eight have courteously sent many facts in response to our inquiries in this direction. From this source we learn as follows:

1. But eight of the twenty-eight libraries are without reading-rooms, and but one of these approaches the size of the Danvers library within five thousand volumes.

2. In only one instance have special means for reading in the library been discontinued, and in that case the room was well patronized up to the time of its being closed for lack of funds.

3. The Danvers library, although ranking third on the list in point of size, presents the only exception to the rule that the greater the collection of books the older the reading-room.

4. The remaining nineteen reading-rooms are reported to be in

a prosperous condition, being used to an increasing extent in all but one instance.

5. Quite a large number of these reading-rooms are merely spaces separated by a railing or screen from the main library.

6. These extra facilities have been given the reading public in a large proportion of these towns, without the appointment of additional assistant librarians, notably the town of Westfield which has more inhabitants and a larger library than Danvers.

7. It is also noticeable that these libraries are open more often during the week than with us. This is also a matter frequently alluded to in previous reports, and deserving of particular consideration in connection with that of the introduction of a reading room.

8. Finally, several of these towns have successful reading-rooms which draw their patronage from villages remote from the library, as would be the case in Danvers.

In view of such incontestible evidence of the value of such an addition to a library, and after long consideration of the subject your committee feel it a duty to recommend that early action be allowed in this matter and would suggest that they be authorized to utilize the conveniently situated, well lighted and somewhat retired space along the side of our library-room for a reading-room. Sufficient retirement might also be gained for readers by an intervening screen. In this way an experiment could be made which would involve but slight expense, and would offer advantages similar to many of the libraries in the State. In the preceding report by our chairman, Mr. Mudge, we are wisely cautioned "to shape our course in the line of the library's greatest usefulness, and to awaken our citizens to the great privilege which it is theirs to enjoy." It is in keeping with this sentiment that the above trial is urged. Moreover, in our care to make no false moves as guardians of an important trust, we feel that we should avoid the equal danger of drifting into inaction by over-cautiousness. This subject should not be left without directing attention to a side-matter brought out by the above inquiry. We refer to the encouraging fact of the large circulation of our library, which, in proportion to its size is greater

in some notable instances than that of other libraries which are larger and more favorably situated.

So many considerations are involved in an appeal to parents for their aid in bringing about the proper treatment of the library volumes, that we merely renew our yearly request without further comment.

We are indebted to Dr. Eaton and Mr. Andrew Nichols, Jr., of the Danvers Scientific Association, for their nice arrangement and classification of the minerals and various curiosities in the cabinets, to which they have kindlygiven their time and attention.

In closing, it is a pleasure to make mention of the efficient performance of the librarian's duties by Miss Lizzie Howard, and to tender our acknowledgements of the gifts mentioned in her appended report.

For the Committee,

H. R. STEDMAN.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

To the Library Committee of Peabody Institute :—

In compliance with the by-laws of the institution it becomes my duty to present for your consideration the annual report of the operation and condition of the Library for the year ending March 31st, 1884.

Present number of books, 10,641. Number purchased during the year, 170. Number issued during the year, 19,538. Relative percentage: Fiction .66; Biography and History .09; Miscellaneous .08; Science and Art .07; Voyages and Travels .05; Poetry and Drama .03; Religion and Theology .02. Receipts from cards, catalogues, and fines, $53.70.

The following donations of books have been received: Department of the Interior, 1; Department of State, 1; Secretary of the Commonwealth, 11; Col. E. F. Stone, 19; Hon. Abram S. Hewitt, 1; Hon. Chas. P. Preston, 1; Peabody Academy of Science, 1.

At the time of the last annual report the whole number of per-

sons who had availed themselves of the privileges of the Library was 1556. During the past year this number has increased to 1829, being an addition of 273 names to the book of signatures, or 64 more than the previous year. This fact shows that there is an increase rather than a diminution of interest in the Library on the part of our citizens. It is to be hoped the interest in the care of the books thus loaned will also increase.

Respectfully submitted,

LIZZIE M. HOWARD, *Librarian.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Library Committee would submit the following report:

1883.	Cr.	
	By cash received from Treasurer	$778.00
	" " Librarian for fines and catalogues sold	39.60
		$817.60

1883.		Dr.	
		To cash paid the following persons:	
	No.		
April	1	1. C. D. Richards, library assistant	$1.85
	12	2. S. P. Fowler, books furnished	3.50
	28	3. A. A. Frost, library assistant	1.60
June	13	4. J. O. Richards, library assistant	1.75
	14	5. Lizzie M. Howard, librarian	58.29
	14	6. Jonathan Perley, binding books	34.75
	14	7. J. O. Richards, library assistant	1.85
July	6	8. Estes & Lauriat, books furnished	80.21
	6	9. Seveland A. Brown, books furnished	12.55
	6	10. Sarah L. Galloupe, library assistant	4.50
Aug.	1	11. Estes & Lauriat, books furnished	2.45
	4	12. J. O. Richards, library assistant	1.70
	31	13. Henry O. Nash, encyclopedia	17.50
Sept.	10	14. A. E. Tufts, work in library	12.50
	10	15. Lizzie M. Howard, librarian	75.59

Sept.	17	16.	Cupples & Upham, books	$7.81
	29	17.	J. O. Richards, library assistant	2.00
Oct.	1	18.	Jonathan Perley, book binding	54.95
	1	19.	Sarah L. Galloupe, library assistant	5.50
Dec.	1	20.	Lizzie M. Howard, librarian	76.17
	1	21.	E. H. Harris, literary world	2.00
	1	22.	Sarah L. Galloupe, library assistant	10.00
1884.				
Jan.	4	23.	George Carleton, expressing books	2.00
	4	24.	Cupples & Upham, books furnished	24.94
	9	25.	Estes & Lauriat, books furnished	70.64
	9	26.	Dennison Manufacturing Co., tags	1.50
Feb.	13	27.	Edward Maguire, assistant	6.95
Mar.	12	28.	Sarah L. Galloupe, library assistant	10.00
	12	29.	S. P. Fowler, books furnished	3.50
	12	30.	Jonathan Perley, binding books	50.10
	12	31.	R. D. Bates, periodicals furnished	27.70
April	4	32.	Lizzie M. Howard, librarian	75.32
	6	33.	Cupples & Upham, books	49.60
	6	34.	Estes & Lauriat, books	26.33
				$817.60

AUGUSTUS MUDGE, *Chairman.*

DANVERS, March 31, 1884.

REPORT OF PRINTING COMMITTEE.

1883.		CR.		
July 24	By cash received of Treasurer		$50.00	
1884.				
Mar. 31	" "		17.00	
				$67.00
1883.		DR.		
July 26	Paid C. H. Shepard & Co.		$42.00	
1884.				
Mar. 31	" "	library	17.50	
31	" "	lecture	7.50	
				$67.00

I. H. PUTNAM, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF LYCEUM COMMITTEE.

1883.				
Nov.	13	Received from Treasurer		$275.00
1884.				
Mar.	31	Less returned to Treasurer		76.50
				$198.50
1883.				
Nov.	13	Paid Thomas Concert Company	$75.00	
	27	Miss Annie Jenness, lecture	30.00	
Dec.	5	George Parsons Gilman, lecture	40.00	
	11	Maj. H. C. Dane, lecture	35.00	
	11	Miss Lena Trask, pianist	4.50	
1884.				
Jan.	1	Asaph Magoon	11.50	
Apr.	10	A. B. Woodis	2 50	
				$198.50

L. A. MUDGE, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF HALL COMMITTEE.

1883.		Dr.	
Aug.	14	Paid C. Warren	$19.20
Nov.	23	C. Putnam	2.50
Dec.	15	For 13½ feet of wood	6.34
1884.			
Mar.	17	For 12 feet of wood	5.25
April	8	Cash paid Treasurer	44.56
			$77.85
1883.		Cr.	
April	8	Cash received of Mr. Roberts	$ .85
May	21	" J. W. Barnard	8.00
	14	" Good Templars	8.00
	14	" Ward Post 90	8.00
	14	" W. H. Gale	5.00
1884.			
Mar.	22	" Alumni Association	48.00
			$77.85

DANIEL RICHARDS.

Report of Committee on Buildings.

The Committee on Buildings submit the following report:—

1883. Cr.

By cash received from Treasurer	$1,072.00
Balance due Committee	33.71
	$1,105.71

1883. Dr.

To cash paid the following persons:—

		No.		
April	27	1.	C. M. Putnam, cementing cellar	33.00
	27	2.	E. C. Powers, alcohol for specimens in natural history (old bill)	1.55
July	8	3.	J. Marston, expressing	9.01
	16	4.	John F. Putnam, 4 mos. services as janitor from March 1 to July 1	166.80
	24	5.	H. A. Cross, painting fence, and oil	87.52
	29	6.	Batchelder & Co., 22 tons coal	138.00
Aug.	28	7.	John F. Putnam, services as janitor 2 mos. to Sept. 1st	83.30
	28	8.	John F. Putnam, seeds, plants, and filing lawn mower	20.10
	28	9.	Charles F. Curwin, castings for fence	11.70
	30	10.	R. H. Abbott, labor on seats and lumber	5.35
Sept.	27	11.	Gas Light Company, gas furnished	81.00
Oct.	1	12.	Danvers Water Works, water used from April 1, 1883 to April 1, 1884	40.00
Nov.	5	13.	John F. Putnam, janitor service from Sept. 1 to Nov. 1	83.30
Dec.	26	14.	S. P. Fowler, Holland bulbs, trees, plants, seeds and shrubs	36.67
1884.				
Jan.	9	15.	Gas Light Company, for gas	67.90
	10	16.	D. A. Perley, repairing fence and gate	18.00
	10	17.	John F. Putnam, services as janitor from Nov. 1st, to Jan 1st	83.30
	15	18.	J. Marston, expressing	2.20
	15	19.	R. H. Abbott, work in building	1.25
	15	20.	John F. Putnam, services as janitor 1 mo. to Feb. 1st	41.65

Feb.	1	21.	H. H. Pillsbury, horse hire	$8.00
Mar.	14	22.	John F. Putnam, services as janitor 1 mo. to March 1st	41.65
	24	23.	C. P. Perkins, hose, pipes, etc.	29.64
	26	24.	Caskin & O'Connell, sprinkler, and holders for library	5.98
	26	25.	S. P. Fowler, Holland bulbs and plants	5.84
				$1,105.71

For the Committee,

SAMUEL P. FOWLER.

Danvers, Mar. 31st, 1884.

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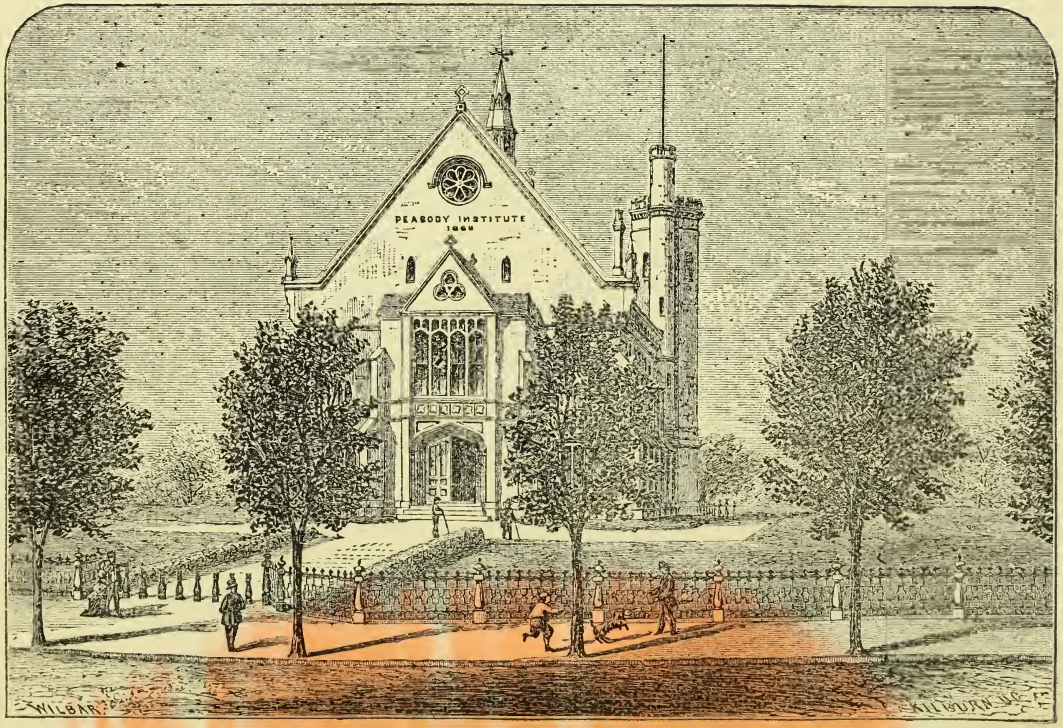
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Janitor—JOHN F. PUTNAM.

Dr. THE PEABODY INSTITUTE OF DANVERS IN

1884.				
April	1	To paid Town Treasurer of Danvers for the Holten High School Medal Fund		$20 00
	17	To paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman Committee on Buildings, amount due the Committee per account of Mar. 31, '84, as per vote of Trustees at Annual Meeting, 16th inst.		33 71
	18	To paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman Committee on Buildings		350 00
May	6	To paid I. H. Putnam, Treasurer Library Committee		300 00
June	12	To paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman Committee on Buildings		150 00
July	12	To paid Town Treasurer of Danvers for the Holten High School Medal Fund		20 00
	29	To paid I. H. Putnam, Treasurer Library Committee		400 00
Aug.	11	To paid I. H. Putnam, Chairman Committee on Printing		60 00
Sept.	9	To paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman Committee on Buildings		100 00
Oct.	27	To paid Town Treasurer of Danvers for the Holten High School Medal Fund		20 00
Nov.	5	To paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman Committee on Buildings		175 00
	7	To paid Daniel Richards, for top dressing, 520 bush. ashes at 28c.		145 60
	7	To paid postage		32
	24	To paid for $5000 New England Mortgage Security Co.'s 5 per cent Bonds at par, less 1 per cent	$4950 00	
		4 mos. 27 dys. accrued interest	102 08	5,052 08
Dec.	1	To paid for $5000 City of Minneapolis 4½ per cent Park Bonds, at 100¾	5,037 50	
		4 mos. 28 dys. accrued interest	92 50	5,130 00
	16	To paid for $10,000 Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R. R. 5 per cent. Terminal Bonds, (gold) at 92	9,200 00	
		5 mos. 15 dys accrued interest	229 17	9,429 17
		Amount carried forward		$21,385 88

ACCOUNT WITH FRANCIS PEABODY, TREASURER. *Cr.*

1884.				
Mar.	31	By balance of account rendered this date		$2,940 68
April	1	By received 3 mos. int. on $20,000 U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds		200 00
	1	By received 3 mos. int. on $2000 U. S. 4 per ct. Bds. for the H. H. S. Medal Fund		20 00
	8	By received 3 mos. int. to Mar. 1st, on $8000 Chi. & W. Ind. R. R. Bds. at 6 per ct.		120 00
June	30	By received 6 mos. interest to June 21st, on $15,000 mortgage note of E. G. Byam		450 00
July	12	By received 3 mos. interest on $2,000 U. S. 4 per ct. Bonds		200 00
	12	By received 3 mos. int. on $2000 U. S 4 per ct. Bonds for H. H. S. Medal Fund		20 00
	12	By received 6 mos. int. to 1st inst., on $8000 Danvers Water Bonds at 5 per ct.		200 00
	12	By received 6 mos. int. to 1st inst., on $6000 No. Pacific R. R. Bonds, at 6 per ct.		180 00
Oct.	27	By received 3 mos. int. on $20,000 U. S. 4 per ct. Bonds		200 00
	27	By received 3 mos. int. on $20,000 U. S. 4 per ct. Bonds for H. H. S. Medal Fund		20 00
	27	By received I. H. Putnam, Treas, Lib. Com., for fines collected by Librarian to Oct. 3		26 65
Nov.	3	By received 6 mos. int. to Sept. 1st, on $8000 Chicago and Western Indiana R. R. Bonds, at 6 per ct.		240 00
	5	By received 12 mos. int. from Town of Danvers to Oct. 1st, on $7000 loan, at 6 per ct.		420 00
	22	By received for $20,000 U. S. 4 per ct. Bonds at 122 3-16 per ct.	$24,437 50	
		Less 1-8 per ct. commission	25 00	
				24,412 50
Dec.	16	By received 3 mos. int. to Dec. 1st, on $8000 Chicago and Western Indiana R. R. Bonds at 6 per cent.		$120 00
	23	By received 6 mos. int. to Dec. 21st, on $15,000 mortgage note of E. G. Byam		450 00
1885.				
Jan.	1	By received 3 mos. int. on $2000 U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds for H. H. S. Medal Fund		20 00
		Amount carried forward		$30,239 83

Dr. THE PEABODY INSTITUTE OF DANVERS IN

1884.		*Amount brought forward*		$21,385 88
Dec.	20	To paid L. A. Mudge, Chair. Lyceum Com.		275 00
1885.				
Jan.	1	To paid Town Treasurer of Danvers, for the Holten High School Medal Fund		20 00
	15	To paid Liverpool and London and Globe Ins. Co., for $650 insurance on piano, 1 year, to Jan. 9, '86		6 50
	15	To paid Wm. T. Damon, Chairman Committee on re-seating the hall and other alterations, for the following bills:		
		Baker, Pratt & Co., opera chairs	$2,280 00	
		Couch & Putnam, carpenters	722 43	
		Chas. P. Perkins & Co., gas fitting and plumbing	359 15	
		H. A. Cross, painting and glazing	55 77	
		J. S. Paine, furniture	26 00	
		W. S. Merrill, numbering chairs	18 70	
		First Nat. Bank, wire railing	6 00	
		Wm. T. Damon, express, &c.	1 50	
				3,469 55
	28	To paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman Committee on Buildings		29 40
Feb.	5	To paid I. H. Putnam, Treas. Library Com.		200 00
	6	To paid J. Sumner Fowler, architect, plans and services in alteration of seats		100 00
	27	To paid Salem Evening News, electroplates, and printing plans of seats		62 50
Mar.	12	To paid H. S. Bean, book-keeper		50 00
	18	To paid S. P. Fowler, Chairman Committee on Buildings		300 00
	23	To paid for $2000 Chicago and Western Indiana R. R. 6 per cent Bonds, at 104¾	$2,095 00	
		23 dys. accrued interest	7 67	
		Express on same	80	
				2,103 47
	28	To paid I. H. Putnam, Chairman Committee on Printing		39 65
	31	To paid I. H. Putnam, Treas Library Com.		100 00
		To balance on hand carried forward	$3,040 91 274 63	3,315 54
		Total		$31,457 49

ACCOUNT WITH FRANCIS PEABODY, TREASURER. *Cr.*

		Amount brought forward			$30,239 83
1884.					
	2	By received 6 mos. int. to 1st inst., on $6000 No. Pacific R. R. Bonds at 6 per ct.			$180 00
	2	By received 6 mos. int. to 1st inst., on $8000 Danvers Water Bonds at 5 per ct.			200 00
	13	By received 6 mos. int. to 1st inst., on $5000 Minneapolis Park Bonds at 4½ per ct.			112 50
	13	By received 6 mos. int. to 1st inst., on $5000 New England Mortgage Security Co. 5 per ct. Bonds			125 00
	13	By received 6 mos. int. to 1st inst., on $10,000 Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul R. R. 5 per ct. Bonds			250 00
Mar.	21	By received from I. H. Putnam, Treasurer Library Committee, for fines collected by Librarian to date			20 03
	31	By received interest on deposits			115 17
	31	By received from Daniel Richards for sale of old furniture	$164 25		
		From rent of hall	105 00		
				$269 25	
		Less sundry expenses		70 90	
					198 35
	31	By received from I. H. Putnam, Treasurer Library Committee, unexpended bal.			16 36
	31	By received from I. H. Putnam, Chairman Com. on Printing, unexpended bal.			25
		Total			$31,457 49
1885.					
Mar.	31	By balance brought forward to new acct.		$3,315 54	

E. E.

FRANCIS PEABODY, *Treasurer.*

DANVERS, March 31st, 1885.

Statement of the Permanent Funds of Peabody Institute.

Library Fund.

Amount of Fund Mar. 31, 1884	$49,732 55		
Transferred by vote from Reserve Fund	319 20		
Gain on U. S. 4 per ct. Bonds sold	4,462 50		
		$54,514 25	
Int. accrued and credited to Fund	2,278 58		
Less apportioned to suspense acct. as a Sinking Fund	62 00	2,216 58	$56,730 83
Expended during the year, by the			
Library Committe, per acct.	983 64		
Less received for fines, &c.	46 68		
		936 96	
Committee on Buildings, per acct.	1,131 75		
Additional for lawn dressing	145 60		
		1,277 35	
Committee on Printing per acct.		99 40	
Lyceum Committee, per acct.		303 15	
Treasurer		57 62	
		2,674 48	
Less received for use of hall and sale of old furniture		198 35	2,476 13
			$54,254 70

Reserve Fund.

Amount of Fund Mar. 31, 1884	$18,590 42		
Transferred by vote to Library Fund	319 20		
		18,271 22	
Int. accrued and credited to Fund		1,015 17	
		19,286 39	
Expended by Com. on alterations		3,632 05	15,654 34
Total Funds			$69,909 04

INVESTED AS FOLLOWS :—

Danvers Loan at 6 per ct.			$7000 00	
Loan on mortgage at 6 per ct.			15,000 00	
$10,000 Chicago & Western Indiana R. R. 6 per cent Bonds			10,000 00	
$6,000 Northern Pacific R. R. 6 per cent Bonds			6,000 00	
$8,000 Danvers Water 5 per cent Bonds			8,000 00	
$5,000 New England Mortgage Security Co. 5 per cent Bonds			4,950 00	
$5,000 Minneapolis Park 4½ per cent Bonds			5,000 00	
$10,000 Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis R. R. 5 per cent Bonds			9,200 00	
Suspense acct. (premium on investments)			1,499 00	
Cash in hands of Treasurer		$3,315 54		
Less due Com. on Buildings	$27 35			
" Lyceum Com.	28 15			
		55 50		
			$3,260 04	
				$69,909 04

E. E.

FRANCIS PEABODY, *Treasurer.*

The Committee appointed to examine and report upon the accounts of the Treasurer hereby certify that they are correct to date.

ISRAEL H. PUTNAM,
DANIEL RICHARDS, } *Committee.*
WILLIAM T. DAMON.

DANVERS, March 31, 1883.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Trustees of the Peabody Institute.

GENTLEMEN:—I would refer you to the report of the Librarian for an account of the condition of the Library during the past year. In accordance with the vote of the Library Committee, there has been set apart a portion of the space in the Library room for reading, sufficiently retired for that purpose by an intervening screen, and furnished with the leading periodicals, and useful and interesting reading matter of the day. This space also furnishes a suitable place for those who wish to consult or examine the books in the Library or copy from them. Upon application to the Librarian all needed assistance will be given to those who may wish to make use of the Reading room. Owing to the increasing number of books in the Library, it may soon be necessary to put up shelves in the unoccupied space on the western wall of the Library room. I would here notice that the most important part of the duties of Library Committee consists in selecting books. The value of a library is not in the number of books it contains, but in their quality, which should be useful and interesting.

In the report of the Librarian for the year 1884, it is said that the whole number of books delivered in that year was 19,538, and that the relative percentage was as follows:—Fiction 66; History and Biography 9; Miscellaneous 8; Voyages and Travels 5; Poetry and Drama 3; Science and Arts 7; Religion and Theology 2. By this report it appears that a larger number of works of fiction are called for than of all other classes of books. In view of this fact, ought we to increase the facilities for this kind of reading? Should we not rather limit our purchases of books of fiction, and select only those written by good and approved writers, and exclude those of the second and third class? Would it not be well to fill our shelves with useful and interesting books adapted to the wants and tastes of our readers, containing the thoughts of our best literary and scientific writers, together with some of the best works of fiction?

I would here give the history of the formation of the several

public libraries in Danvers: The necessary preparations having been completed by the fitting up of the rooms in the Town Hall for the use of the Peabody Branch Library, it was on Saturday the 5th day of September, 1857, for the first time opened for the delivery of books. The record informs us that the Library Committee at that time were Messrs. Silvester, Weston, Black, Preston and Fowler. Nathaniel Hills was the Librarian, and William L. Weston, Secretary. The number of books purchased for the use of the Library was fifteen hundred volumes. The Library was opened on Wednesdays from four to eight o'clock P. M., for delivery of books, and on Saturday afternoons. The Librarian was paid for his services one hundred dollars per year, and if he deemed it necessary, he was instructed to employ boys as his assistants, and pay them not exceeding twenty-five cents per day each. At a meeting of the Library Committee, April 4th, 1860, the following resolve was passed:

Whereas, Mrs. Sarah P. Page of Danvers, has presented to the Peabody Institute, as the work of her own hands, an excellent Portrait of George Peabody, Esq., of London, the same to be placed in the room of the Branch Library, therefore

Resolved, that the thanks of the Branch Library Committee are unanimously tendered to Mrs. Page for this generous gift, rendered doubly interesting and valuable to us, and assuredly will be to the people of Danvers, since it is a work of art by a native of the Town, truthfully representing the manly features of the Town's greatest benefactor.

Mr. Silvester was instructed to procure a suitable frame for the portrait. This valuable portrait of Mr. Peabody, painted by Mrs. Page, now Mrs. Eben G. Berry, hangs on the wall in the Trustees' room in the Institute building.

The Librarians of the Library have been, Nathaniel Hills, A. S. Howard, Miss Lizzie M. Howard, and Miss Emilie K. Davis, the present Librarian. At no period of its history has the Peabody Library been in so good a condition as at the present time, nor has its books been more widely read or better appreciated. The following is the history of the organization of some of the public libraries in Danvers.

"The Danvers Social Library was probably established in 1794, and was owned in shares by different individuals, and the books were loaned to share-holders. It was kept at times at the house of Benjamin Chase at the place owned by the late Elijah Pope; and probably at Judge Holten's. This institution did not prove permanent, hardly continuing above twenty years. A few of the books have been lately presented to the 'Ministerial Library' of the First Church. So far as we may judge by these, the people were not harmed by light or 'sensational' reading from this library. They had rather Mason on Self Knowledge, John Newton's Hymns, Blair's Sermons and the like."

For these facts in relation to the Danvers Social Library, I am indebted to Rev. Charles B. Rice in his interesting History of the First Parish in Danvers.

The New Mills Social Library was formed November 16, 1808, at the Port. Capt. Samuel Page, Capt. Thomas Putnam, Messrs. Caleb Oakes, Israel Endicott and John Fowler were chosen Trustees; Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Chaplin, Librarian; and Mr. Archelaus Putnam, Clerk. On the 2d of December, 1808, a committee was chosen to purchase books for the Library, the money having been raised for that purpose by an assessment of five dollars upon every person who subscribed for one share in the Library. The first Librarian was the Rev. Jeremiah Chaplin, D. D., who said he would take charge of the Library if it was kept in his kitchen, and opened for the delivery of books on Monday evenings. Mr. Stephen Whipple, the village carpenter, made the book-case and placed it there. There was no delivery of books by cards in those days. The collection of books in this old Library was probably for the most part selected by Dr. Chaplin, and we may well suppose was of the best then to be found in the range of English literature. I well remember in my boyhood how these solid old authors stood in the pine book-case in the minister's kitchen. They were all bound in calf or sheep skin, in a strong and durable manner that seemed to exhibit and possess a character for solidity and respectability not seen in the bindings of books of the present day.

In the record of this old Library there are no charges to be

found for the rebinding of books. The principal damage these old books received was by reading them at the open fire places of that day and thus warping their covers. One of the rules of the Library enjoined upon its readers was, not to injure the books when reading them by the fireside, and also to avoid the drip of the candle. In the catalogue of books in the New Mills Social Library, were found the History of the Jews by Josephus, Hutchinson's History of Massachusetts—the Salem edition, the Poems of Pope, Burns and Cowper, Goldsmith's History of the Earth and Animated Nature—the only work on Natural History, much read by the boys, Paley's Natural Theology, Park's Travels in Africa, Law's Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life, Pilgrim's Progress, Plea for Religion and the Sacred Writings, The Imitation of Christ, Human Nature in its Fourfold State, View of Religion by Hannah Adams, Vicar of Wakefield, Robinson Crusoe, Don Quixote, Hannah Adams' History of New England, An Essay on the Life of the Honorable Major-General Israel Putnam by Col. David Humphreys, the first edition printed in 1808, the History of Sir Charles Grandison, Clarrissa Harlow and Pamelia, or Virtue Rewarded, by Richardson.

After the formation of the New Mills Lyceum, the Library was removed to the brick school house chamber, and was under the care and direction of the Lyceum Committee. As there were few if any new books added to the Library, the interest which was formerly taken in it declined; some of the books were lost or not returned to the Library, therefore it was thought best by the Committee of the Library to discontinue its organization. What became of the books is not known. These old Libraries failed to be long sustained in consequence of the lack of funds with which to purchase new books. For it is a well known fact that no Public Library can long be sustained where no new books are furnished from time to time, as its old readers will not be retained nor new ones acquired. It is new books that furnish new life to a Public Library. There have been several other Libraries established in Danvers, of lesser note.

For the Committee.

S. P. FOWLER.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

To the Library Committee of Peabody Library:

I present the following as a statement of the condition of the Library while closed for the annual examination in August, 1884:

Number of books added, 98; of which 6 were gifts. Number of books rebound, 126. Number thrown out, 10. Number delivered, given in the different months:—April, 2143; May, 1695; June, 1282; July, 1088; or a total of 6208. Borrowers' names added, 32. Cash received for fines and cards, $10.21. Of the books on the shelves all are accounted for except those lost in previous years.

Respectfully submitted.

LIZZIE M. HOWARD, Librarian.

NOTE.—It will be noticed that Miss Howard's report covers but the first six months of the year. In December she sent in her resignation, to take effect in the early part of the present year. She continued till February. Her successor, Miss Emilie K. Davis, was elected in January. Being a teacher in town and wishing to complete her school term, Miss Alice E. Tufts, a former assistant in the Library, was employed to take charge during February and March, Miss Davis commencing with April.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

1884-5.	Cr.		
	By cash from Treasurer, Library acct.	$300 00	
	" " Librarian for fines and catalogues sold	46 68	
			$346 68

1884.		Dr.		
June 6	To cash paid L. M. Howard, librarian		75 00	
Sept. 4	" " " " "		75 00	
Dec. 2	" " " " "		75 00	
1885.				
Feb. 4	" " " " "		50 00	
Mar. 17	" " A. E. Tufts, 1 month		25 00	
17	" " Treasurer, fines, &c.,		46 68	
				346 68

1884-5	Cr.	
By cash from Treasurer, Library acct.		$700 00

1884.		Dr.		
	To cash paid the following persons:			
	No.			
May 7	1	E. L. Maguire, asstistant	$4 25	
10	2	Estes & Lauriet, books	32 72	
26	3	Appleton & Co., books	5 50	
June 12	4	S. L. Galloupe, assistant	10 00	
12	5	H. Tyler, "	3 45	
20	6	Library Bureau, supplies	1 80	
July 11	7	J. Perley, binding books	64 15	
28	8	Mrs. Poland, book	2 00	
28	9	George D. Phippen, book	3 00	
Aug. 7	10	H. Tyler, assistant	3 85	
12	11	Cupples, Upham & Co., books	74 16	

Aug.	12	12	Estes & Lauriet, "	$28 38
	12	13	" " "	55 49
Sept.	4	14	S. L. Galloupe, assistant	10 00
	15	15	Russell & Henderson, book	6 00
Oct.	2	16	E. E. Haines & Co., Lit. World	2 00
Dec.	9	17	S. L. Galloupe, assistant	10 00
	9	18	H. Tyler, "	5 45
	31	19	W. W. Eaton, ink	50
1885.				
Jan.	22	20	R. D. Bates, magazines	36 06
	22	21	Marston's express	2 35
Feb.	9	22	L. M. Howard, supplies	73
	14	23	Estes & Lauriet, books	27 53
	14	24	Cupples & Upham, books	102 83
	16	25	W. W. Eaton, books	1 90
	24	26	C. H. Shepard & Co., 3 vol. Mirror	6 00
Mar.	3	27	H. Tyler, assistant	5 20
	3	28	J. Perley, binding	46 65
	7	29	S. L. Galloupe, assistant	10 00
	16	30	Carlton's express	3 30
	31	31	W. W. Eaton, book postage and fares	7 00
April	3	32	H. Tyler, assistant	1 75
	3	33	Estes & Lauriet, book	1 00
	3	34	I. H. Putnam, postals	1 00
	10	35	Cupples, Upham & Co., books	107 64
			Balance returned to Treasurer	16 36
				$700 00

AUGUSTUS MUDGE, Chairman.

DANVERS, March 31, 1885.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS.

The Committee on Buildings submit the following report for the year ending March 31, 1885:

			Cr.	
1884.				
			By cash from Treasurer during the year	$1,104 40
1885.				
Mar.	31		Balance due Committee	27 35
				$1,131 75

1884.		No.	Dr.	
April	19	1	S. P. Fowler, plants, seeds, labels, soap	$6 75
May	14	2	John F. Putnam, janitor, 2 mos. service	83 30
May	20	3	Danvers Water Board	20 00
May	25	4	William H. Hood, filing saw	1 00
July	21	5	J. F. Putnam, services and mending mower	84 95
	24	6	D. Richards & Son, phosphate and tools	53 51
	24	7	Gas Light Company	32 90
Aug.	14	8	John F. Putnam, services as janitor	41 65
	14	9	Putnam Bros., plants furnished	32 65
Aug.	25	10	Chas. F. Curwin, castings & work on fence	37 53
Sept.	1	11	I. H. Putnam, work in library room	17 94
	20	12	P. T. Derby, work on furnace & masonry	19 50
Oct.	3	13	John F. Putnam, two mos. service	83 30
	10	14	S. P. Fowler, Holland bulbs and thatch	19 46
	25	15	Danvers Gas Company	42 35
	25	16	B. Frank Tufts, teaming ashes	9 00
Nov.	1	17	John F. Putnam, service one month	41 65
	1	18	Abram Patch, mowing grounds	2 62
	7	19	Sanger & Hood, coal furnished in 1879	20 00
Dec.	2	20	J. F. Putnam, one mo. service & sponge	42 15
	6	21	Danvers Water Board	20 00
	8	22	Gas Light Company	15 75
1885.				
Jan.	3	23	J. F. Putnam, 1 mo. service & dust brush	42 00
	22	24	W. W. Eaton, work on library room	6 58
	26	25	J. E. Ropes, book rests	5 60

Mar.	2	26	J. F. Putnam, one mo. service as janitor	41 65
	19	27	S. P. Fowler, plants, bulbs and seeds	$6 00
	19	28	Batchelder & Co., coal furnished	134 30
	19	29	Gas Light Company	56 35
	21	30	Zina Goodell, lawn mower	1 50
	23	31	John F. Putnam, one mo. service	41 65
April	1	32	A. J. Spaulding, expressing	40
	3	33	Gas Light Company	67 76
				$1,131 75

For Committee on Buildings.

S. P. FOWLER.

REPORT OF LYCEUM COMMITTEE.

1884.		Paid		
Dec.	16	John Creeden, services as police '83-4	$4 00	
	23	Samuel M. Barton, lecture	15 00	
1885.				
Jan.	10	Kate Field, lecture—Mormonism	75 00	
Feb.	3	Lieut. Fred Schwatka, U. S. N., lecture—Search for Sir John Franklin	60 00	
	4	J. W. Black, use of Stereopticon and expenses	14 65	
Mar.	3	William Blakie, lecture—Sound bodies and how to get them	75 00	
April	1	J. T. Carroll, distributing circulars, two lectures	1 75	
	1	E. K. Hood, concert	57 75	
				$303 15
1884.		Received		
Dec.	20	From Francis Peabody, Treas'r	275 00	
1885.				
May	31	Balance due Committee	28 15	
				$303 15

L. A. MUDGE, Chairman.

REPORT OF PRINTING COMMITTEE.

1884.				
Aug.	12	By cash received of Treasurer	$60 00	
1885.				
Mar.	28	" " "	39 65	
				$99 65

1884.				
Aug.	16	Paid C. H. Shepard & Co., library	56 25	
1885.				
Jan.	16	Paid Salem Evening News, lecture	3 50	
Mar.	28	" " " "	1 50	
	28	" C. H. Shepard & Co., "	3 50	
	28	" " " library	34 65	
	38	Balance returned to Treasurer	25	
				$99 65

I. H. PUTNAM, Chairman.

REPORT OF HALL COMMITTEE.

1884.		Dr.	
Paid cash to		J. H. Pray & Co., bill	$45 60
"	"	Gifford	7 48
"	"	Cross	3 00
"	"	Silvester	1 25
"	"	D. Richards & Son	10 57
"	"	J. F. Porter	3 00
"	"	Cash	198 35
			$269 25

1884.	Cr.	
Received cash from Holten Street Club		$20 00
" "	for 549 chairs	137 25
" "	for old carpet	7 00
" "	for 80 chairs	20 00
" "	from Jubilee Singers	15 00
" "	from Grand Army	60 00
" "	from Woman's Relief Corps	10 00
		$269 25

For the Hall Committee.

DANIEL RICHARDS.

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